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## LLOYD GEORGE REVIVES ALLIED DEBTS QUESTION

**Stanley Baldwin Promises to Afford Facilities for Discussion of Subject**

## ATTITUDE TOWARD EGYPT CRITICIZED

Premier Not to Introduce Protection or Use Industries Act as Wedge Thereto

By Cable from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The question of interallied war debts had prominence in the House of Commons debate upon the King's speech last night. Mr. Lloyd George declared this matter of the "gravest moment" to British finance and trade. During the war, he said, this country borrowed from its own people £2,000,000,000 to lend direct to the Allies. It also borrowed £1,000,000,000 from the United States, of which, however, it would have required a shilling if it had been guaranteed supplies for its allies.

"We are now actually paying interest on £3,000,000,000 for the Allies," he continued. That meant £130,000,000 annually or 2s. in £1 income tax. "I should like to know what the British Government is going to do," he added. "This is a practical matter, as negotiations are going on between France and the United States regarding the French debt. He asked: "Is this country taking any part in these negotiations? I know it is unpleasant to ask one's friends to pay their debts, but the United States never hesitated to ask us to pay ours."

Government's Action Criticized

The House was much impressed by this statement and Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, replying later, promised to afford facilities for it to be debated next week when the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be glad to have the opportunity of discussing the matter fully with the Commons.

The debate otherwise followed recognized party lines.

Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George both criticized from different viewpoints the Government's action as regards Egypt, Russia, and Singapore, also what Mr. Lloyd George called its tendency to "ramble off into the barren, sterile desert of Protection."

Mr. Lloyd George also asked pointedly as regards League commitments to what extent was the protocol an extension or deviation from the League's convention, and would it commit Great Britain to hostilities, say in far eastern Europe, where frontiers might be involved. What it would effect on the general State public opinion. Would it, for example, facilitate or "put a new barrier in the way of America's entering the League?"

Protection Charge Denied

These questions drew from Mr. Baldwin a series of weighty statements. He promised "most careful consideration" for Mr. Lloyd George's points regarding the protocol which, he claimed, showed the cabinet's wisdom in not rushing either to accept or reject this scheme. He explained the Government's position regarding Singapore, and he defended absolutely the charge of Protection, his position here being that he stood upon the definite assurance already given neither to introduce Protection in this Parliament, nor to use the Safeguarding of Industries Act as a wedge thereto.

**POSTAL PAY RISE FUNDS SOUGHT BY ADJUSTING RATES**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A bill to increase and adjust postal rates so as to permit a \$65,000,000 advance in the pay of postal employees is being drafted at the Post Office Department at the request of Thomas Stepling (R.), Senator from South Dakota, chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee.

In the purpose of Senator Stepling to present a measure which will so lower the losses on the handling of various kinds of mail to meet the pay increase which President Coolidge has vetoed. He wants the veto message referred to his committee so that action can be taken in the light of the recent report of a postal commission on the cost of performing various classes of mail service.

While the South Dakota Senator has not gone into detail as to the increases in the various classes he expects the committee's report to give a basis for action. That report was that the Government is losing about \$40,000,000 a year chiefly in handling second, third and fourth class regular mail.

Meantime, Walter E. Edge (R.), Senator from New Jersey, is seeking action on the President's veto of the pay increase bill, passed last session. The New Jersey Senator, however, also favors a readjustment of mail rates, so as to provide the necessary revenue for the pay raise.

**DALLINGER AVOIDS HARRIS SEAT RACE**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Frederick W. Dallinger (R.), Representative from Massachusetts, declared in a formal statement today that he is not a candidate for United States attorney at Boston to succeed Robert O. Harris, recently removed by President Coolidge.

## New German Ambassador



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Well-Known Diplomat Has Been Appointed Successor at the Washington Embassy to Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

## NEW GERMAN ENVOY NAMED

**Baron von Maltzan to Succeed Dr. Wiedfeldt in Washington**

BERLIN, Dec. 10 (AP)—Baron Ago von Maltzan this afternoon was appointed as German Ambassador to the United States to succeed Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

Baron von Maltzan is a native of Mecklenburg and educated at the universities of Bonn and Breslau. Starting a military career, he became a Lieutenant of dragons in 1898 and shifted to the diplomatic side through entering the Foreign Office as an attaché in 1906.

He served as secretary of legation at Rio Janeiro, Christiania and St. Petersburg, and in 1912 became councillor of legation at Peking, where he remained until China entered the war against Germany. He has been an undersecretary in the Foreign Office for the past three years.

Baron von Maltzan accompanied the Foreign Secretary, Dr. Rathenau, and the Chancellor, Dr. Josef Wirth, to the Genoa conference and was influential in framing the treaty with the Central Powers.

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Prohibitionists Regard Choice as a Happy Augury—Term of Office Four Years

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convention. The answer to the invitation was in this sense.

Mr. Hughes has since then in campaign speeches, notably in one delivered in Baltimore, referred to the control of arms traffic but has always emphasized the point that it was distinctly separate from the subject of disarmament.

At the same time Mr. Hughes has emphasized the desire of the United States to co-operate, where possible, with the other nations for considerable arm limitation. After the participation in the opium conference, one of the most delicate and difficult of international issues, the decision to take part in a conference for the control of the traffic in arms does not seem so remarkable.

The United States has, however, maintained its right at all times to decide the question for itself where the sale of arms to other countries has come up and it is regarded as a concession that it should now be willing to enter the conference to be held in Europe and at least to take part in framing a general policy.

#### Tremendous Step Forward in Arms Traffic Abolition, Is Opinion of Chicagoans

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Members of both houses of Congress and of both parties showed great interest

in the news that the United States had accepted the invitation of the League of Nations to deal with this subject.

Claude Swanson (D.), Senator from Virginia and member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said:

I believe it wise for the United States Government to accept the invitation to attend conferences, both for disarmament and for everything pertaining to war and its aftermath.

United States joins the League or not, it is the height of folly to ignore it and not to recognize it as a vital, strong, and growing force in world affairs.

It is the most active and influential element in the world now working for peace, and, instead of trying to discredit it, the United States should co-operate with it to accomplish world betterment, the development of peace, and world cooperation.

I will be pleased to see the United States accept invitations to disarmament and other conferences.

Louis A. Frothingham (R.), Representative from Massachusetts, said:

I think it a fine thing. Everyone ought to do all they can to stop the traffic in arms, whether through the League of Nations or some other channel. The chief thing is to have something accomplished. All credit to whatever body can bring about results.

E. King (R.), Representative from Illinois:

I am very much opposed to going into it. The people have declared that they do not want to go into the League of Nations and if we were drawn into it through international influence, I do not favor it.

William E. Borah (R.), Senator from Idaho and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said:

I quite approve of the action of our Government in accepting the invitation of the League of Nations to co-operate with the different governments of Europe on the question of disarmament.

In the first place it is immaterial who issues the invitation—we are to co-operate with the League in the second place. I have not and never have had the slightest objection to the League as a European institution. If it helps the European governments to have their invitation to the League, we should be pleased at their messenger.

I would extend a disarmament conference every possible opportunity regardless of the invitation.

Harry E. Hull (R.), Representative from Iowa, member of the House Military Affairs Committee, said:

For anything that will stop the manufacture of arms, particularly if it will stop the manufacture of arms and ammunition by private manufacturing concerns.

The manufacture of munitions of war of all kinds should be conducted by the Government, not by private corporations. By stopping private manufacture one of the greatest incentives to war would be removed. If we cannot stop it in peace we cannot stop it in war.

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## SURVEY SHOWS AMERICA'S GAIN UNDER DRY LAW

**Benefit to Industry and Business Held to Refute Arguments of Wets**

Convincing evidence of the success of prohibition, gained from a nationwide, personal study of conditions, both before and after the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment, is presented in a contribution in the Dec. 30 issue of Adventure magazine by an expert observer who has just completed a 20-month survey of the United States. His findings present a graphic picture of the real total of achievements of prohibition and refute the assertions of those who magnify isolated cases. Among the many results of prohibition he points out that:

For every man drinking now, from 10 to 50 have stopped drinking.

In whole industries where liquor once held almost 100 per cent sway, it now hasn't a 5 per cent hold on its workers.

The price of real estate throughout the cities and the communities of the country has gone up 50 to 100 per cent, because homes are being bought under prohibition instead of liquor.

No large percentage of people want liquor to come back.

**A Trained Observer**

The editors of Adventure characterize the author of this contribution as a "trained observer of high intelligence whose honesty and sincerity are beyond question, as is his independence." The article goes on to say:

"Prohibition came because liquor was devastating the forces working on arms, ammunition and foodstuffs. It was a war measure because liquor was a traitor, sapping the national strength, given countless threshing-machine crews in the great wheat belt, Minnesota, moving westward into the Dakotas, ranging from saloon to saloon, while the wheat fields called them to work. Half of their labor hours were spent on drunks. The same ratio prevailed in some of our hooch-towns industries—whole departments, with three to six work days off for liquor. I am not arguing prohibition. I'm stating facts as they were before prohibition itself."

The writer then described the results of prohibition in eradicating these conditions, as already noted. Other important observations which he made are:

**Law Enforcement Obtained**

"In one 'wet' town in which I lived for 15 years until a year ago, with public sentiment against law enforcement, I demanded law enforcement, and got it as regards several of the 'blind tigers' here; but anyone telling me in the United States Constitution and the American laws cannot be enforced, I know better. I've not only been a public officer, but I enforced even game laws in a land where they said it couldn't be done.

"I can take you into any of the wettest places you ever saw in the United States and there will not be a dozen communities where there is even 20 per cent as much liquor drunk as formerly."

"Liquor hasn't made any hypocrites who were not hypocrites before prohibition.

"I can show a tannery, textile mills, whole trades, not to mention railroad men, who were going dry before prohibition came to the national assistance."

Declaring that no large group of people want the return of liquor, the article asks, if a few women in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union could put prohibition over, what do you think 10,000,000 dry-federated American women are going to do about it. And further:

"Prohibition has driven liquor from 'Main Street'; it has taken it from the best business corners of the country. The best people aren't drinking. A few excuse their drinking by saying that prohibition drove them to it. I don't know a man who drinks now who wouldn't have drunk if we didn't have prohibition. I know dozens who have quit drinking. I can show you a town where thousands have quit drinking, men and women.

**Streets Cleaned of Saloons**

"By hand-picking conditions, you can prove anything about the United States. I can make, probably, a better case for liquor than any man I know. I can name places, localities, conditions—but what kind of a re-

porter would I be if, picking these several localities, I ignored the vast areas where prohibition, even under crooked enforcement, has cleaned the streets of saloons and put an end to drunkenness? I count not only the places where liquor is, but where it isn't that I know it used to be—which the 'wets' don't."

"All the increase in bootleg production wouldn't make a week's run of the 'license' distilleries, the huge breweries of St. Louis, Milwaukee, New York, the open liquor producers of 1912.

"Just read the old United States Treasury reports on liquor production, the hundreds of millions of gallons consumed by American liquor drinkers. Compare the bulk with the bulk of 'bootleg'—railroad tank cars, the beer special trains, the wine ship loads are gone? In place of liquor ships, 10,000 and 20,000-ton steamers, we have a few hundred ton, perhaps 300-ton liquor runners. We have a string of four or five automobile loads where we formerly had whole train loads of the million tons or so of grain used in licensed liquor production. I doubt if there is 1 per cent production now that was before prohibition."

**GRAND DUKE CYRIL MAY BE OBLIGED TO LEAVE COBURG**

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (AP)—Grand Duke Cyril of Russia, who not long ago proclaimed himself Tsar of all the Russias, and whose wife, Grand Duchess Sophie, is now Queen of the United States, may soon be obliged to leave Coburg, where he is living in semi-state at present, according to Bavarian advices.

The Grand Duke recently proclaimed himself Tsar in succession to Nicholas II and practically set up a court in Coburg, where the former King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who was deposed when the German Empire was dissolved, and many other royal personages affected by the wave of democracy which swept Europe are living at present.

The Bavarian Communists have been urging in the Parliament that the Government must expel Cyril, as the Republic cannot permit an alleged court to function within its borders.

**TRADE ASSOCIATION TEST CASE PLANNED**

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A controversy which for four years has agitated Government and business circles has been revived by the announcement from Harlan F. Stone, Attorney-General, that the Department of Justice is gathering evidence for a test case against some trade association.

This case, it was indicated, would be instituted for the purpose of determining just how far trade associations may go in publishing production and market information without violating the anti-trust laws. This problem is one which has been of particular interest to the Department of Commerce, upon whose report a large amount of trade association activity depends.

"Any collective activity," Mr. Hoover said in his annual report, "can be used as a smoke screen to cover conspiracy against the public interest, but that is no reason for condemning all collective activities. Probably the most compelling reason for maintaining proper trade associations lies in the fact that through small business is given facilities more or less equivalent to those which big business can accumulate for itself.

"Properly directed, this kind of activity is one of the strongest forces for the maintenance of competitive action. Legislative definition of these matters has been given to the farmer and to labor, and I am convinced that the time has come when definition should be extended to those engaged in industry, trade and commerce, particularly in the interest of maintaining the small business unit."

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## KEEN INTEREST AROUSED OVER PRINCE'S PLANS

**Visit to the Argentine Will Help Increase Volume of Business**

*By Cable from Monitor Bureau*

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The news of the Prince of Wales' forthcoming visit to the Argentine has aroused the deepest interest here, and is regarded as a fitting method of celebrating the centenary of the first treaty of "amity and commerce" between the Argentine and Great Britain. Great Britain was the first European power to recognize the independence of the young Republic which had won its freedom from Spain shortly before the signature of this treaty.

Since then the bonds uniting the two countries have been particularly close, and British investments in the Argentine now total some £250,000,000.

Last year Britain exported over £28,000,000 worth of goods, principally coal, cotton goods and steel, and the Argentine sent £64,000,000 worth to Britain, chiefly foodstuffs.

Moreover, the Argentine is a promising source of future cotton supply, so anxiously sought by Lancashire spinners. There has long been a large British colony in the Argentine, many of whom have been there for generations, but who have not forgotten the mother country, and came in their thousands to fight for it in the War.

The Prince's visit is intended primarily to strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries and will doubtless help to increase the volume of commerce between them. The Prince will also be able to combine business with pleasure, for it is well known he is passionately fond of polo, and in few places will he find such ponies as in the Argentine. When he returns he will be able to compare notes with his father, for the administration of 13 years has grown in registration from 1,347 to more than 12,000 students.

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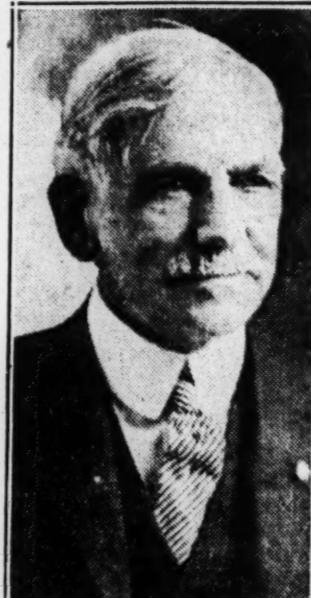
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## Churchman Educator



BISHOP WILLIAM F. ANDERSON  
Appointed Temporary President of Boston University

## BOSTON UNIVERSITY NAMES DR. ANDERSON

### Bishop Made Temporary President to Succeed Dr. Murlin

The Rev. William F. Anderson, Bishop of the Boston area of the Methodist Episcopal Church, yesterday was elected temporary president of Boston University to succeed Dr. Lemuel H. Murlin, who goes to the presidency of the Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., Jan. 1. The Board of Trustees voted Dr. Murlin an honorarium of \$5000 for his service to the institution, which under his administration of 13 years has grown in registration from 1,347 to more than 12,000 students.

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## ALLIES IGNORE TREATY TERMS, GERMANS AVER

**Delay in Evacuating Occupied Territory Arouses Conservatives in Reich**

*By Special Cable*

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Interest has been temporarily diverted from the election by two of the most important foreign and inner political developments. They are the probable postponement of the British evacuation of Cologne and the libel suit of Friedrich Ebert against a Nationalist editor who accused the President of "high treason."

Both are influencing the formation of the new Government.

It does not follow that the greater part of the loan has been raised in new money. National defense bonds have doubtless been used to a considerable extent to purchase the loan.

But the Government appears pleased with the amount of fresh money actually brought into its coffers.

## EXPERTS TO MEET AT WESLEYAN TO VIEW SUN ECLIPSE

### Many Universities to Send Observers and Apparatus to Van Vleck Observatory

MIDDLETON, Conn., Dec. 10.—The observers from Mt. Wilson and the observatories of California, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin, Harvard and Brown and possibly of two continents by virtue of its triumph at the International Roller Canary Show just closed here.

In tune competition with bird-musicians from 22 states and from Germany, England and Canada, the tiny Chicago warbler scored 33 points, being judged on the numerous "tours" which the trained musicians of the avian world can sing—water rolls, schockel hollow rolls, bell rolls and flute rolls.

John Malynski, owner of the new champion peaks of his bird, affectionately known as just "Petie." He raised him from a "little wee baby," he relates. "Petie" is now five years old, a dignified age for a canary. Mr. Malynski laughs when asked if raising birds was his business. No, he is an excavator, and his strong rugged appearance confirms the statement. But if his appearance is that of a man engaged in strenuous labor, his interest is all with the tiny feathered creatures that he raises for a hobby.

"As soon as I can feed my horses in the morning, I go to my birds."

He is only a representative of The Christian Science Monitor. "They have a four-room apartment to themselves. I chased the tenants out," he added.

"But these don't pay rent," it was ventured.

"Oh yes they do," he objected.

"Songs?"

"Petie" from his near-by cage

## Petie Humdinger Pays Rent for Four Rooms With Songs

**Other Tenants "Chased Out" by Chicago Excavator to Make Room for Champion Singer of Two Continents and His Yellow-Feathered Friends**

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—"Petie Humdinger," a slim little brown canary raised by Mrs. L. F. Shafer, was judged best in the "derby" class.

"Petie" is a true city bird, reared in Mrs. Shafer's four room apartment.

She is president of the north division of the Chicago Pedigreed Roller Canary Breeders' Club.

Exhibited by Frank Miller, also of this club, won first place in the young bird's class.

Hundreds of pedigree birds were exhibited at the Sherman Hotel here, attracting attention with their sweet jargoning, while their owners, men and women from far and wide, housewives, mechanics, business men and professional people, exchanged experiences.

One bird fancier, who is a machinist, explained, "It's just a sport, a beautiful sport."

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## PRESBYTERIANS ASK \$15,000,000 FOR PENSIONS

Will H. Hays Makes Plea  
for Service Reward at  
Chicago Conference

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—"There is nothing so important in America today as religion—the world's one essential industry," Will H. Hays, formerly Postmaster-General, told 1,500 delegates at the opening session of the National Presbyterian Conference, gathered here both to inspire the entire communicant membership of 1,800,000 and to inform it as to methods and plans of work.

Adjustment of the matter of the underpaid preacher, Mr. Hays declared to be "the next imperative step in the progress of the church, not simply as a matter of justice, but as a matter of sheer common sense."

Mr. Hays made a plea for the \$15,000,000 service pension project endorsed at the last general assembly.

In representing the special laymen's committee on the fund, he said that 800 ministers and churches had adopted the plan and announced that Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, had accepted the fiscal treasurer.

"The reconstruction and readjustment of our people made necessary by the advance of civilization, the right use of our increased prosperity, and influence in the world, can only be insured by Christianity installed in our people through the preaching and work of our church. Our new and necessary social adjustments must be in line with its teachings or they will not endure."

"The situation is important for today but it is more important for tomorrow. There is no breaking down of religion. There is nothing breakable in it. There is nothing confronting us today as important as that which has to do with religion. From all sides comes the challenge."

The Presbyterian church has had a pension system for more than two centuries, but it has grown inadequate, Mr. Hays explained. Citing other pension systems, he related that in October of last year 39 railroads had pension plans. The largest was the Pennsylvania with 7017 pensioners and cost the previous year \$3,336,000. He continued:

"There were last year more than 200 industrial pension systems in operation in the United States. The Episcopal Church has made splendid progress. Of all religious bodies I think they have gone the farthest. They have recently completed a pension fund of \$5,700,000 pledged. The Young Men's Christian Association has raised \$4,000,000 for a retirement plan."

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)—The church is finding its voice, particularly about a number of matters concerning which it long has been silent or spoken out feebly, Dr. Henry C. Swearer, of St. Paul, Minn., general council, declared in an address prepared for delivery before the Presbyterian National Conference.

"The determination of the church to sponsor Christianity as a practical philosophy of life is an encouraging indication," he said. "The church is beginning to take itself and its message much more seriously and to declare that every thought, including the thoughts and plans for all our social welfare, must be brought into subjection to the obedience of Christ."

Upon this question, the church faces an era of unexampled opportunity. The world is expecting more of the church than ever before. The church's voice commands an ever-increasing respect, and it is entitled by the world's attitude to speak with authority."

Education means more than a 52-story building, said Dr. Edgar P. Hill, secretary of educational institutions for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, in a prepared address.

"The other day the papers announced an eastern university was about to erect a 52-story building that would cost \$10,000,000," he said. "That's the last word in education in America."

"As I read of it, I thought of a little college down in Virginia, which during 100 years of its history never had an enrollment of over 150 students, nor an endowment of \$150,000, and yet the men who were trained went on to include four Presidents of the House of Representatives and Ministers to France and England."

"Education means more than a stadium or a big endowment. Education involves great teachers and high

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A tentative program of legislation to be considered by the Senate at the present short session provided it does not interfere with action on the appropriation bills has been agreed upon by the Republican steering committee, of which James W. Wadsworth Jr., (R.) Senator from New York, is chairman. They represent all the general legislation, aside from the supply bills, which it would be possible to bring up before final adjournment on March 4.

The bills selected by the steering committee for action are all measures which have been before Congress for sometime, some of them for years. Not included are railroad legislation, waterways, World Court and several others which were given a prominent place in the recent message of President Coolidge. It is the position of the committee that legislation on agricultural relief should await the report of the commission named by the President a short time ago. In view of the fact that tax revision must originate in the House, no mention was made by the committee of this subject.

### Postal Wage Bill Next

Among the measures prominently mentioned for action is that for the reorganization of Government departments, introduced by Reed Smoot (R.), Senator from Utah, which includes a provision for a Department of Education and Relief, with a Secretary in the Cabinet. The proposal for the new department was passed without opposition under the same department head the educational and health activities of the Government, against which arrangement there has been very considerable opposition on the part of educational leaders throughout the country.

They are apprehensive that such a plan would result in the subordination of education to health and are urging the establishing of a Department of Education and the placing of the so-called health activities of the Government elsewhere.

After the Muscle Shoals bill has been acted upon by the Senate, the bill for the adjustment of salaries

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## DR. CUNO CALLS FOR SHIPPING CO-OPERATION

Former Chancellor Asserts Subsidy Can Only Injure It

BERLIN, Nov. 25 (Special Correspondence)—The former Chancellor, Dr. Cuno, of the Hamburg America Line, in a speech recently delivered at Budapest, made a valiant appeal to the Danubian States to collaborate with Germany for the furtherance of German shipping.

His remarks on the causes of the present depression in the world's shipping trade may be summarized thus:

Under the pressure of the Great War, said Dr. Cuno, the United States, which up to that time had possessed a fleet of only 1,000,000 tons, suddenly created a mercantile fleet of 11,000,000 tons, and thus took a place second only to that of England among the seafaring nations. This distinction of mercantile sea power was further emphasized by the confiscation of the fleets of Germany while vanished from the sea.

The banishment of German's mercantile shipping from the seas was in a comparatively short time remedied by the reconstruction of a third of her pre-war tonnage. At the present time the world has to face the dilemma of having 40 per cent more tonnage than it possessed before the war, while the trade that this augmented tonnage has to carry has simultaneously decreased by about 40 per cent.

It thus comes about that freights have sunk below running costs, forcing owners to lay up some 5,000,000 tons of shipping. England, said Dr. Cuno, has had to lay up nearly 1,000,000 tons and the United States 4,000,000 tons.

In order to maintain the ships that have not been laid up, the nations affected are adopting marine protectionism and are trying to help their fleets out of the fix they are in by means of direct subsidies or by indirect State assistance. The United States, Australia, Russia and Portugal now assist their fleets; Italy, Japan and Canada pay direct shipping subsidies, while England, Sweden, Holland and Latvia all have some form or other of State credit for the benefit of their shipping.

These are merely attempts by artificial means to stimulate an industry which should be left to develop under the free play of economic forces. These subsidies only delay the recovery of international shipping. In the long run, however, they will probably fail to hold their own against the free play of private enterprise.

Rightly estimating these phenomena, Dr. Cuno said, the shipowners had, after mature reflection, resorted to a plan of self-help. Without regard to their mutual relations during the war, they have arrived at agreements and understandings, and have evolved a system of collaboration.

Not in a policy of exclusion and of mutual rivalry, but in one of co-operation and union, will international shipping, like German shipping, have to seek salvation.

## CHILD WELFARE MOVE LAUNCHED IN 18 STATES

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

NEW YORK, Dec. 9—*"A natural, normal home life for every child in the United States"* is the slogan actuating workers in 18 states, who are preparing to attend a national conference which the Child Welfare Committee of America will call soon.

The charter of this new organization has just been approved by Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney of the Supreme Court. Its chief purpose will be to extend throughout the United States a reform in the care of dependent children such as has been effected through legislation in the State of New York which has provided individual homes instead of institutional care for 30,000 children.

## SCHOOLBOY POLICE AID TRAFFIC SAFETY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 6 (Special Correspondence)—The Birmingham Police Department has organized a school traffic squad in each school in the city of Birmingham, 10 boys being drawn from each of the eighth grades.

The purpose of the Police Department in organizing the school children's squad is to afford protection for the smaller children on their way to and from the schools, and while they are at play at recess time.

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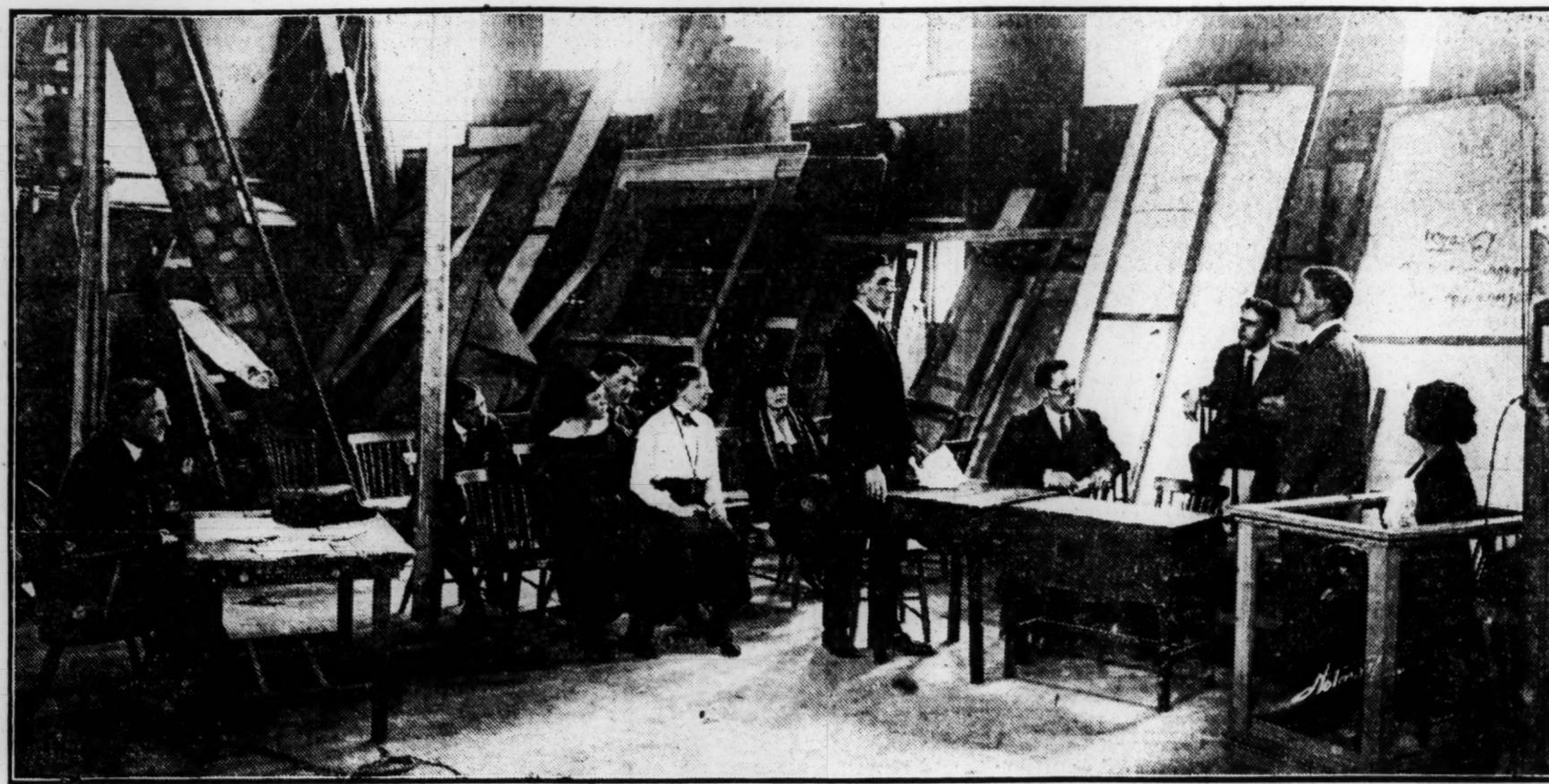
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## Harvard's 47 Workshop, Which Prof. George Pierce Baker Founded, in Action



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A stage where every man must play a part...."

"The Merchant of Venice."

## Baker's '47 Workshop' Forms Chapter in Harvard Annals

Students Voice Unanimous Appreciation of Instructor Whose Skill and Enthusiasm in Dramatic Art Led to Attractive Position at Yale University

Prof. George Pierce Baker was the 47 Workshop at Harvard University. Now, upon his appointment by Yale University to organize and administer the department of dramatic art made possible by the gift from Edward S. Harkness of \$1,000,000 for that purpose, he has gathered together the remnants of his work and organization in preparation for his new activities.

Massachusetts Hall sheltered the workshop, which was the course in playwriting and production for Harvard and Radcliffe during all its 12 years. It is now being remodeled. All the appurtenances that helped Professor Baker's work have been scattered in the exigencies of storage. Even pictures taken at rehearsals and eagerly sought now for their enhancement of the history of the famous workshop are "packed away somewhere, who knows just where?" Harvard University sustains an irreparable loss, Yale a great advantage.

**Endlessly Engaged in Rehearsals**  
Massachusetts Hall knew Professor Baker as endlessly engaged in rehearsal, sitting long hours in patient conference, getting his effects by holding a loose, wise rein on erratic capabilities, leaving about his workers a position in which there was a sympathetic sympathy and understanding and shrewdness. In the cramped quarters, which were all he was able to secure and keep for himself from the encroachments of matters considered by the authorities of greater moment to the university, Professor Baker pursued a way that was the constant amazement of those who watched. Here was a competent, suave man, maintaining his poise and furthering his own conceived ambition for the problems brought him without visible agitation, with an endless optimism and good grace. He would always a constructive way, surprising to students, less balanced themselves about too obvious handicaps.

No time was wasted by quarreling over far too limited tools. The rehearsal table that Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson had given him had a flavor that Professor Baker found grateful. There were other and more intangible things, that made the unforgettable atmosphere of that rehearsal hall. . . . And so it is that a man who, for ten years, was a member of the 47 Workshop company and who grew to know its foibles and genius as a molder of students. A lecturer of clarity and conciseness marshalling his facts so that emphasis is always correctly placed.

**A Wide Perspective**  
His profound knowledge of dramatic history, idealistic and practical, goes back to the dawn of drama, yet embraces the latest in the theaters of New York and Moscow. He sees detail, of plays, actors, and productions, in perspective and he knows the student mentality. He adds to the essential qualities of a great teacher, the sagacity of handling the potential craftsman, a sympathetic understanding of the trials, the tribulations, the amazing hindrances of a young genius. He has a desire to command a loyalty, confidence and affection that frequently edged close to reverence. Those who have come closest in contact with G. P. will never forget his unending patience, his kindness. He has kindled the fires of his actors here. Hours and days have not been begrimed in the preparation of a single detail, if the desired end could be achieved."

The expressions of regret over Professor Baker's resignation possibly form one of the most remarkable contemporary instances of the rising of a man's followers in unan-

uous appreciation of his share in their development. To his students Professor Baker has been a rare combination of practical craftsman and idealist. The practical results of his method and skill as a teacher of men are to be found already in the chronicle of the American theater.

## AMERICAN TO PAVE MEXICAN CITY STREETS

TORREON, Coahu., Mexico, Dec. 10 (Special Correspondence)—Paving the principal avenues and streets of this city will begin after the holidays, when the contractor will have finished erecting his plant here.

A contract between the city authorities and the American company has been approved by Carlos Garza Castro, Governor of Coahuila. It calls for the payment of 60,000 pesos on paving account upon completion of the plant, followed by 20,000 pesos more.

A total of 150,000 square meters of street area is specified in the contract, for which the price of \$4.70 Mexican a square meter is agreed to.

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS COLLECT \$3,647,270

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 10 (Special)—For all purposes, the Baptists of North Carolina have contributed \$3,647,270 during the last year, according to reports which will be submitted to the state convention of this denomination, now in session in Raleigh. This convention is the largest religious gathering held in North Carolina, representing 229 local churches with a combined membership of 347,760.

Baptist Sunday schools in the State now have a total membership of 286,783, which is a gain of 12,269 for the year. The gain for the past five years has been 73,038. The ratio of Sunday school membership to church membership is 82.4.

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**BELGIAN LOAN NEGOTIATIONS**  
LONDON, Dec. 10—Belgium is reported to be negotiating two loans in the United States, one of \$25,000,000 for use in the Congo, and another for refunding floating debt.

The Board of Education, according to the circular, has decided to join with other educators who believe that selections from the Bible should be read in the public schools.

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## New York Takes Rigid Steps to Prohibit Drunken Driving

### Second Offense to Result in Permanent Revocation of License—Field Force Increased 160

**Special from Monitor Bureau**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 10—"We can't keep the driver from drinking, but we can keep the drinker from driving," is the slogan which Charles A. Harrett, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of New York State, has adopted in his campaign to rid the roads of intoxicated motorists.

"It can't be stressed too strongly that the commissioner is out to keep intoxicated operators of motorcars off the highway," his assistant, William A. White, told a representative of The Christian Science Monitor.

The inspection force of the bureau, it was said, is not sufficient to look carefully into the record of all applicants for drivers' licenses, but it is prepared to take summary and effective action in the cases of any operators of cars who are found to be under the influence of liquor. A uniformed force of 160 men, which will be increased, is to be placed on duty on highways throughout the State. This field force will be engaged in checking up on drivers and in giving tests to applicants for licensc.

An increase in the field force of drivers to its present number indicates the energy with which Mr. Harrett is preparing to prosecute the campaign to decrease the number of drunken drivers. That the task will require alertness is admitted by Mr. White, who points out that there are 2,000,000 licensed operators and chauffeurs in the State. The difficulty of controlling the situation through a refusal to grant licenses in the first place is shown by the fact that all of these drivers must have their licenses renewed annually, and that the number is subject to a normal increase of 10 per cent annually.

For the first offense of driving while intoxicated, the license is to

be revoked for a period not shorter than six months, regardless of what the decision of the court may be.

The first offense is considered a misdemeanor. A second offense, adjudged a felony and punishable by a jail sentence of 60 days imposed by law, will result in a permanent revocation of the license, it is stated by Mr. White, who added, "There is to be no equivocation in the matter."

To avoid such a loss of revenue, which is imposed upon all those adjudged guilty of felonies dating from the date of their release from jail, is fair, Mr. Harrett has written to all the judges of New York State, numbering approximately 250. That reply, thus far received, indicate that the judges do not believe that this punishment is too severe or that this policy should be deviated from.

There are, it is admitted, certain instances in which this five-year rule works an unnecessary hardship, particularly when the crime for which a conviction was obtained was disassociated from the operation of an automobile while intoxicated.

But in the case of the intoxicated driver, the commissioner and his assistants say they stand squarely upon the strict enforcement of the laws.

## GREAT LAKES FLEETS RECORD HEAVY GRAIN AND ORE TRAFFIC

50,000,000 More Bushels of Grain Carried Than in 1923—  
Increased Demand for Storage Steamers—Passenger Services Are to Be Extended

BUFFALO, Dec. 3 (Special Correspondence)—Navigation on the Great Lakes will come to a close for the season within a few days with the arrival of down-bound fleets that will hold storage grain at this and other ports. It has been a successful season for most of the steamship companies.

The export demand for grain has caused a heavy movement through this port and receipts for this year may exceed those of 1923 by 50,000,000 bushels. This has meant substantially increased income, not only for the lake carriers, but for the eastern trunk lines. They handle the bulk of the grain which comes here and is shipped to tidewater, either in its raw state or manufactured into flour and feed.

Increased demand for steamers to hold storage cargoes at this port has increased the rate from 5 cents to 7 cents a bushel. It is estimated there will be 100 steamers holding grain here this winter, while the Buffalo-Cleveland fleet of steamers,

more than 30,000,000 bushels, also will be taxed to capacity when the last steamer arrives from the head of the lakes.

An unexpected increase in pig iron production in the fall months of this year caused an increased movement of ore and stone, this, too, helping to swell the tonnage moved this season.

The movement of anthracite has not been up to the average of recent years. A large tonnage was carried at the head of the lakes in the spring and an unusually warm autumn reduced demand at a time when it usually is at peak.

Several new passenger services are planned for next season on the Great Lakes. An express service is to be given between Detroit and Chicago. Two steamers which have been running between Cleveland and Detroit will be used for this service.

Two new steamers, the largest on the Great Lakes, will ply between Buffalo and Detroit in 1925 and an addition will be made to the Buffalo-Cleveland fleet of steamers.

## The Library

### The Library Commission's Opportunity

By ANNA A. MACDONALD  
State Librarian, Pennsylvania

LIBRARY commissions are plowmen in an endeavor to evolve a system of libraries best adapted to the needs of the American people. It is their special duty to preach the gospel of libraries to those who know it not, or to quicken those who do not comprehend nor appreciate it.

They often open the way with the idea that it might be a good thing to have a library in the community. This idea is tenderly cared for—watered with many "human interest" stories; strengthened with an interpretation of the law and many facts and statistics; pruned when adverse ideas insist upon creeping in. The foundation for that library is laid in the ideal planted in the community and the practical plan given for carrying it out. The workers of all library commissions deal with all library problems—the law, the trustees, the librarian, the building, the books, the methods—the whole thing.

### Idea and Problem

The easiest part of all this is knowing what is objective. It is knowing the old A. L. A. slogan of "Books for Everybody," which means when interpreted, education, recreation, culture; to know, to enjoy, to understand; to be able to do better work, to get a greater joy out of life, to have a keener insight into life, for everybody. Not just for the favored urban and suburban districts but for the rural regions as well. For the farmer, the miner, the lumberjack, the sailor, and the soldier—indeed, the exact, the dog team and the dugout, go to the people who need books. The more isolated they are the greater their need is. Our idea is to give them libraries.

Our problem is how to accomplish this. What system can we evolve for distributing the books and when they have reached the ends of the trails—how can we get them used.

The first essential in carrying out our ideal is the same exactly as in the transportation problems. When our desire to go is strong enough, we go; when we really want libraries, then we will have them. To have the desire is the important part, the keeping it all. So we must enlarge our slogan of "Books for Everybody" and add to it "Everybody for Books." For when the demand for them is insistent enough, then will our ideal be more and more realized.

So after all the foundation of this system must be in the strength of public sentiment for libraries. It is, therefore, the first point of our attack. We must teach people to see what books and libraries mean, how absolutely essential they are if we are to have an educated citizenry capable of carrying on our form of government.

### Constructive Publicity

Let us consider for a few minutes how to create the right public sentiment upon which our libraries are to be launched. It is not necessary to speak of the value of general pub-

licity work. We have studied that many times. But have we as library commissions really studied this problem of constructive publicity?

We got public education when employers realized a man who could read and write was of more value than one who could not; prohibition was given the most effective support when industry knew a sober man was the best investment. Is it not possible to place librarians on the list of economic necessities?

The International Harvester Company carries on extension courses to educate the farmer along general lines, as that is a good business investment for them. They sell more machines to a better informed man than to an ignorant one. So they have two groups of lecturers who go all over the United States into the small communities and hold two weeks institutes. When the county library plan was explained to them, they added the library to the subjects taken up by these lecturers. But unless they can do this effectively through a lecturer who can "spin a yarn," the library idea, much of the value of this will be lost. Isn't there some value following this up—not only to have secured the interest of the company but to keep at it until the work is being done effectively? Think of the opportunity presented. Supposing they had on their force a librarian who could give one lecture a day on books and libraries and also have a sample library along to give them a taste of what a library means for those two weeks at least. What better constructive publicity work could be found to reach "everybody" and what is just as important for the habitually limited funds of the library world, the machinery is there.

**Money Making and Books**

Other industries are doing the same thing as the International Harvester Company, in educating people. At one time the Pennsylvania Railroad Company required all of their ticket agents in certain rural regions to go to the Pennsylvania State College and see, at first hand what was there to benefit the farmer. These ticket agents upon their return home were to urge the local farmer to attend Farmer's Week and take short courses at the college so that he might become more progressive, raise better crops and thus have more freight for the road to carry.

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## ILLINOIS' FORMER DISTILLERIES NOW MAKING FOOD PRODUCTS

Peoria Assuming Leading Place Among Cereal Markets of Nation, Handling 12,000,000 Bushels of Grain—Pekin Also Ranks High as Manufacturing Center

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 7 (Special Correspondence)—When the great distilleries of Peoria and Pekin, called the largest in the world, were closed with the adoption of national prohibition, the grain market of both cities was reduced to almost nothing. Elevators were closed with the distilleries and the grain business was greatly depressed. Later, manufacture of food products was commenced at the distilleries, and corn became the crop again. Other grain came into use and Peoria is again assuming a leading place in the cereal markets of the Nation.

It has just been computed that 900 men are now engaged in the grain business here, and their payroll aggregates \$1,000,000 a year. Grain is now used here and at Pekin in the manufacture of food for cattle, poultry, and other stock; in making industrial alcohol, commercial solvents, syrups, sugar and various foods and in the production of oils with a total value.

There are now less than 319 separate and distinct products made from grain here which are utilized in the manufacture of 1600 other articles in the factories and laboratories of the world. The estimated total consumption of grain here this year is 12,000,000 bushels, as against 8,000,000 last year.

### Homes Displace Saloons

**Under St. Louis Dry Régime**

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7 (Special Correspondence)—Speedily the great brewery plants of this city are being turned to other work. Contrary to the contentions of the owners of these places when prohibition under argument, the predicted losses in property have not taken place. On the contrary, much of the land and buildings are now held at higher values and are bringing large returns.

The famous Busch brewery has increased in value, and one section of the brewery has been taken over by the Lammett Furniture Company as a warehouse for 20 years at a rental totaling \$1,250,000. This building, located at Ninth and Arsenal Streets, has a length of 345 feet, and has capacity of 800 carloads of furniture, which are handled from building to building by carrier trucks.

The Lemp Brewery has been abandoned completely as a manufacturer of drinks of any kind. The International Shoe Company bought part of the property. Bernard Grossberg took another unit for a warehouse, and the Mercantile Trust Company took another part for a client.

Business is lively throughout what was once the brewery plant and no

part of this business has to do in any way with brewing.

Street corners once owned by breweries for saloon purposes have been taken over by gasoline stations,

and the scores of saloon signs have gone,

but the small homes are more numerous than ever, and the atmosphere of the region is one of business activity and domestic content.

### Finding the Way to Water in the Desert



Signposts Placed by the United States Geological Survey to Guide Automobile Tourists and All Others.

THROUGH the work of the United States Geological Survey in posting signs directing the desert traveler to watering places a great deal is being accomplished to rid travelers of the one great dread of the desert. The problem of the 500,000 square miles of desert in the United States is that of the water supply. But throughout this great region, about one-sixth of the area of the United States, oases are being enlarged and new ones are being developed.

In going to these water holes the traveler in the desert has usually a trip of some distance and some hardship. For years the roads to the watering spots were never adequately mapped or marked, and this condition added to the dangers of desert travel. Several districts have been mapped now through the work of the Geological Survey, and accurate information as to the roads and trails has been published and at advantageous locations direction signs have been placed. The signposts constructed of galvanized iron have a total height of 12 feet. The posts are anchored to the ground by means of two redwood blocks. Most of the signs give the names, distances and directions to four watering places, while smaller signs give the same information concerning two watering places.

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## Baptists in Russian Villages and Towns Increase Rapidly

**Sect Now Far More Numerous Than Before Revolution and May Play Important Part in Country's Future**

ALEKSEEVKA, Russia, Nov. 15 (Special Correspondence)—The growth of the Baptists is a striking feature of the post-revolutionary life of the Russian towns and villages, at least in the districts which the writer visited. Here in the village there is a little group of local Baptists, and the same thing is true of several villages which the writer visited in different parts of the Ukraine.

The Baptists are almost the only peasants who do not keep ikons in their homes. They reject all the elaborate ceremonies and ritual of the Russian Orthodox Church and gather on Sundays in plain meeting-houses, where they pray, read the Scriptures and listen to religious talks by informal leaders. Their code of morals is strict. They are forbidden to drink, to smoke, to dance, or to curse.

### Sportsmen Excluded

All these habits, it must be said, are pretty common among the masses of peasants. Here in Alekseevka is a peasant who likes to go out in the marshes and shoot ducks. He is altogether sympathetic with the Baptist viewpoint, but he is excluded from the society because of the feeling that killing animals for sport is wrong.

The leader of the Alekseevka Baptists discussed the growth of his faith in the following manner:

"The Baptists are more numerous now than they were before the Revolution because the State no longer persecutes us. I remember how in the Tsarist days a village priest once beat a hundred of mine with a cane, wooden sticks in order to make him recant his Baptist faith. Now persecution has ceased and people join us freely. We are especially strong in the Ukraine, in the provinces of Kiev and Kharkov."

### Many Factors Aid Baptists

There would seem to be other causes for the spread of the Baptists besides the absence of persecution on the part of the Government. But the substitution of hostility for encouragement as the normal attitude of the State toward the Orthodox Church, the exclusion of the priests from all civic rights, the antireligious propaganda of the Communist—all these factors have contributed to produce a state of indifference, if not of positive disbelief in the old régime, especially in the minds of the younger generation. One symptom of this indifference is the marked decline in the number of churchgoers.

This decline in the authority and prestige of the Orthodox Church has left something of a spiritual vacuum in the villages, and it is quite natural that the more thoughtful peasants

should turn toward a fresh, new belief, like that of the Baptists, which rests less on ecclesiastical authority and more on the appeal to the individual conscience.

Another factor that has perhaps contributed indirectly to the growth of the Baptists is the breakdown of the former more or less patriarchal family life that has been one of the consequences of the revolution in the villages. Under the Tsarist régime divorce was almost impossible. Now it is very easy to obtain, and this leads to a large number of divorces and remarriages. This extreme loosening of family ties is beginning to produce a sentiment of reaction and disgust in the minds of many of the peasants, and the Baptists, with their strict ethical code, may well be the logical beneficiaries of this sentiment.

The Baptists have all the zeal of new converts for their faith. Their numbers are increasing rapidly; in one Ukrainian village there were 40 members of the society, as against 10 before the war. The number of Baptists all over Russia would perhaps be difficult to estimate; but if their ranks continue to swell at the present rate, evangelical faith may play a more significant part in the religious life of Russia than would have seemed possible before the revolution.

According to the new law, the owner of a house that is let cannot inhabit it should he wish to do so, even after the death of his tenant, as the latter can bestow his rights on any member of his family or even on an intimate friend, so that a house may almost be said to become a permanent and hereditary possession of the tenant.

This matter is still hotly disputed in the press, and cases are quoted of houses let to the State in which the taxation exacted is less than the rent paid for them.

Recent laws, restricting more drastically certain rites of the Roman Catholic Church and forbidding religious teaching, as well as the heavy taxes on capital, are much commented upon as proofs of the radical attitude taken by the parliamentary majority during the last few months.

Four radical risings have been suppressed since June, and among the leaders of the last attempt, which occurred only a few weeks ago, was a Senator who, although arrested with the others, was immediately released, owing to his immunity as a member of the Upper House.

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## AMERICA'S OIL CALLED AMPLE FOR 100 YEARS

Proper Development Necessary. However, Petroleum Institute Hears

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 10 (Special)—Reports that America's supply of oil is about to be exhausted were declared vastly exaggerated by Thomas A. O'Donnell, president of the American Petroleum Institute, in his address to the fifth annual convention of that body here.

Properly developed, the oil supply of the United States will last for more than 100 years, Mr. O'Donnell said. Other estimates, notably that of Henry L. Doherty of the Cities Service Company, placed the date of exhaustion only 12 years hence.

The oil industry is menaced by overproduction, the president said. He advised against the seeking of additional laws designed to aid industry. "We have too many laws already," he said. He advocated, however, the launching of an educational campaign by the institute to acquaint the public with fundamental facts concerning the oil industry.

Conservation of oil supply and the improvement of marketing facilities are two of the outstanding matters to be considered at the annual convention.

Leaders of the industry, hundreds of whom are here for the sessions, frankly admit their concern over the tremendous waste of petroleum and its by-products.

Mr. Doherty said he favors a law which would place oil prospecting on the same basis as irrigation and reclamation projects are now handled by districts, counties or communities which would have authority to hold drilling of wells within reasonable bounds.

Considerable interest is being manifested here in the address to be made by Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, chief of the bureau of navigation on "Aerial Commerce." While in Fort Worth, Admiral Moffet is to inspect the Government helium plant, which at present is America's only source of supply of helium, used in floating the giant dirigibles, Shenandoah and Los Angeles.

Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, addressed the opening session of the convention.

## TENNESSEE SEEKING NEW NATIONAL PARK

200,000 Acres of Virgin Timber Land in Proposed Area

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10 (P.)—An area of 1200 square miles in the Appalachian region, partly lying in Tennessee and extending into North Carolina, now is being considered for the location of a national park, it was learned from Tennessee state officials, who have made two surveys of the section with four members of the Appalachian Park Commission, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to inspect the region.

The only criterion offered was the inaccessibility of the section, but that could be overcome by the construction of highways, the state geologist said. State officials estimate that the purchase of the region for a park by the Government would cost between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

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## 88-STORY STRUCTURE IS CONTEMPLATED BY NEW YORK BUILDERS

Advisory Board Meets in Washington to Recommend Federal Policy

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Questioning the administration of the migratory bird law and general protection of American wild life were considered at a meeting today of the advisory board under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The board, composed of 23 members, at its annual meetings draws up recommendations which are submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture and generally form a basis for federal policy. The recommendations made at today's session are to be submitted to Howard M. Gore, Secretary of Agriculture, and made public after his approval.

One of the most important questions to be considered is the report of the federal permit authorizing the shooting of bobolinks. This permit was issued by the Secretary of Agriculture on Jan. 17, 1919. It permits the shooting of bobolinks in an open season from Sept. 1 to Oct. 30 in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, on the supposition that the bobolinks during this season are "injurious" to the rice crop. Under the terms of the order, shooting of the birds, which in all other states are under the protection of the Migratory Bird Treaty, is allowed only when they are injurious to crops.

### Vague Terminology

There recently have been vigorous protests from organizations and individuals interested in the protection of wild life that the permit has been much abused. The birds are being slain in large numbers, according to reports. The difficulty it is conceded, comes in the vagueness of the term "injurious to crops."

John B. Burnham, chairman of the advisory board and president of the American Game Protective Association, while refusing to predict what action the board would take, stressed that the protestation indicated that the protests which have been received lately will receive serious consideration and may result in a recommendation for abolition of the permit.

The members of the board comprise influential naturalists and bird lovers, and their attitude toward regulations which offer chances for abuse is well known.

The board feels strongly that the proposed migratory bird legislation now before Congress should be passed during the short session.

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## Basques in the Rockies, New Citizens Little Known to the Rest of America

**A**SK the Americanization teachers of the far west which are the most promising and interesting of the foreign groups which come under their observation. Among the very first they will name the Basques as they call themselves in their native tongue, the Euskaldunac.

The reason is their intelligence, shrewdness, and character.

Usually clannish, and centralized in the more isolated agricultural sections of the Rocky Mountain area, Idaho, Nevada, and California know something of the Basques. But the United States at large hears very little of these hardy mountain migrants from the Pyrenees of the Pyrenees who in their well-ordered American communities are lending their substantial qualities of industry, thrift, and uprightness to the building of the West.

### The New World's Debt

The New World owes much to the Basques. Although comparatively few numbers to the United States, Basque names from the Argentine to Canada are identified with the pioneer exploits of republics and dependencies. The caravel Santa Maria, which brought Columbus to America, was owned and manned by Basques; its captain being the famed Juan de la Cosa who drew the first map of America and discovered Brazil, Venezuela, and the Guianas. Francisco Garay, likewise a Basque, was the first to navigate the Mississippi River and the coast of Florida. Newfoundland was discovered by Basques who then established the first seal and cod fisheries. Basques have been scattered from Quebec to Mexico. The soldierly and crusading qualities of the race have been further exemplified in such men as Simon Bolivar, the Liberator, and Ferdinand Foch, Generalissimo of the Allied Armies.

A race therefore can write into its records such names and such achievements as one to be welcomed to America. In the western communities which he favors, the Basque's intelligence and self-respect which include a scrupulous regard for all business details, the honesty of his business methods, the honor of his home is unimpeachable, his industry and idealism, and his devotion to family and church. He has already won for him a position of esteem and confidence. Here he is chiefly engaged in agriculture to which he is peculiarly adapted by inherited temperament and training. Stock-raising, in which he has been very successful also, is nevertheless a purely American venture. The wealthiest sheep owner in America today is a Basque.

The Governor of the State of Idaho is now dying in the home of a prominent Basque family, residing in Spain while his family spend the year in California. Another Basque residence has the sun parlor with outside entrance fitted as the office of the man of the house. The office has been furnished by an interior decorator.

The race is indigenous to the soil and in its slow migrations has drifted instinctively away from the congested districts to open country.

The Basque is happiest within sight of rugged peaks and sweeping valleys that are perhaps reminiscent of his beloved Pyrenees. The Rocky Mountain country has therefore found him its attraction. Yet the entire race is scattered over the entire coast, San Francisco and New York City, there are large colonies of Basques who are following commercial occupations. In San Francisco many of the French enterprises are operated by Basques. The editor of one of the French newspapers is a Basque. A few, after the manner of their ancestors for centuries in the Bay of Biscay, are engaged in the coastwise fisheries. This group and a small colony in Oregon are largely from the Bayonne contingent of the European immigrants. The rest are natives of the Spanish provinces.

### Eight Hundred Since 1917

During and since the World War about 800 Basques found entry at the port of New York. There they have remained and identified themselves with the life of the city. This is apparently the only group worthy of mention in the eastern United States. Here as elsewhere communities which are formed, there have organized a community center and mutual benefit association, known as the Centro Vasco Americano, with about 300 members. This keeps in touch with like organizations throughout the country where, after the proud manner of the Basque, men band together and pool their contributions for the aid of the needy of their race. They never ask aid of Americans or any others.

Thus one speaks of their virtues. Perhaps their chief defects are a certain obstinacy and an obstinate conservatism. But this, it is believed, the children of the race are gradually overcoming. In all cases, however, the Basque's smiling dignity and charm, and his apparent willingness to please and to serve his state and community, disarms criticism.

An Idaho teacher who has had many of the Basque children in her

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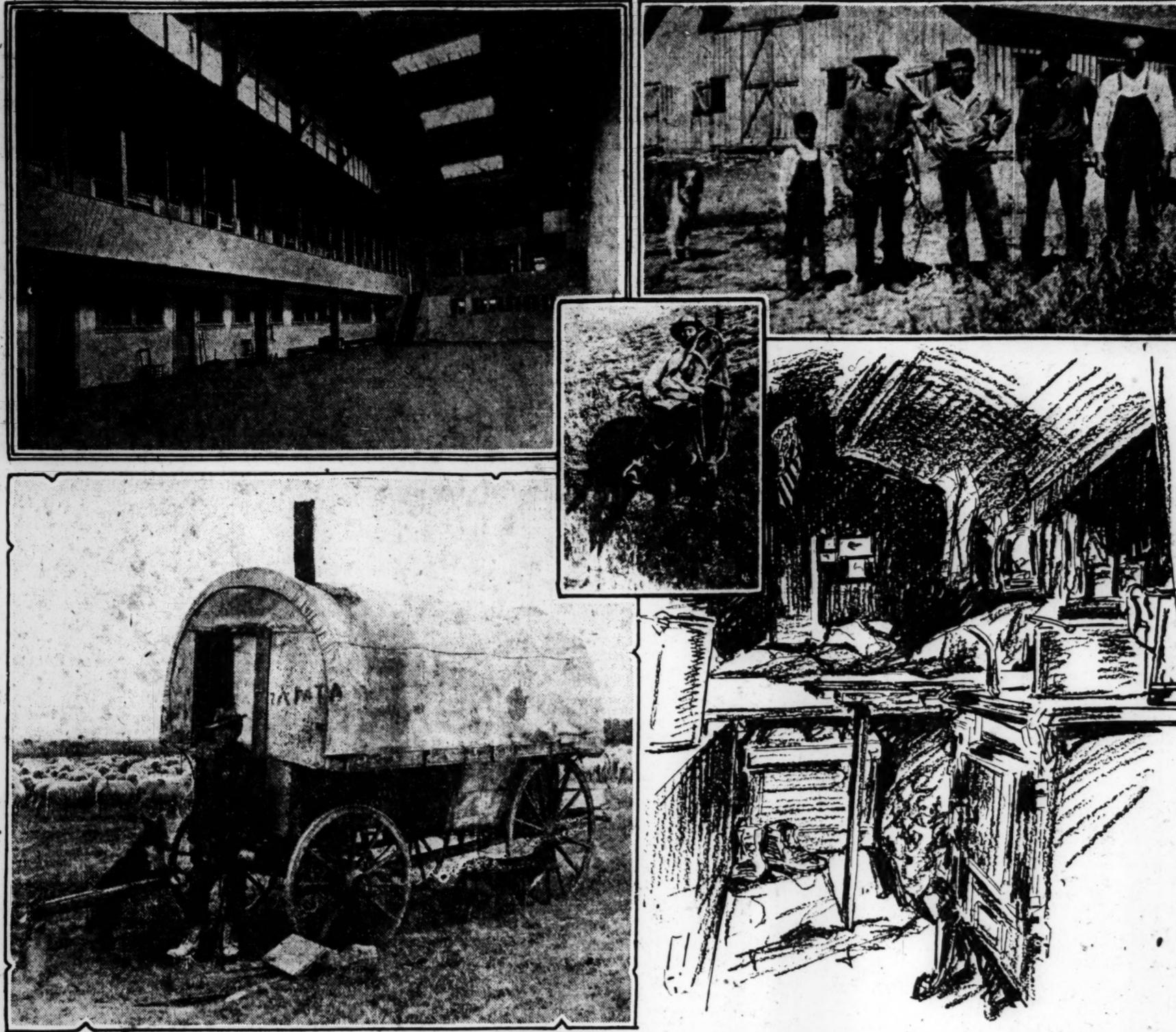
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Upper Right: Basque Shepherds and Lambing Barn on One of the Basque Ranches Near Boise. Insert: Young Basque With One of His Valuable Horses.

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Lower Right: Interior of Shepherd's Wagon. The Wagon Is Built Out Over the Wheels to Make It Wide Enough for the Cot Bed to Rest Crosswise in It. It Is Furnished Also With a Cupboard Which Has a Door That Drops Down for a Table, a Small Cook Stove and a Long Bench on the Side for Clothing. The Only Ornament Is the American Flag.

grades, has visited in their homes here their little local groups meet prior to 1914 there was not 1,000,000 said. "Most of the men are up in the hills or out on the desert. It is a long way for the census gentleman to walk. But 500! There are nearer 5000 in Idaho alone."

"Not all have become naturalized. The nature of their occupations isolates them to such a degree that the business of naturalization is largely neglected. But very few ever return to Spain. Those who, after acquiring a fortune, perhaps, essay a journey back to the motherland, rarely dispose of their interests here."

Here, thrice weekly, dances are held—occasionally innocent and charming, the Basques, musical to their finger-tips, being the best dancers in the world. A famous national dance is the arresku, a building and graceful combination of action and skill, in which the feet are almost made to talk, and the swift movement of the fingers plays a part. The Spanish fandango is also a favorite, the music of their native land being supplied by the guitar and the accordion. More recently, what must seem a startling innovation to their conservative elders, the young people are introducing the American dances and the American music.

No official records are obtainable regarding the exact number of Basques in the United States today. The race is not notably prolific.

The uneducated, particularly the mothers, were naturally a little slower. "But," says this teacher, "after a year's work in the community center, the mothers were able to get the mothers to form a reading club where they have learned to read and speak the English language very well."

In the night schools the attendance of the sheep-herders is large.

No American pupils of her experience, adds this practical enthusiast, are nearer in their habits and appearance, nor maintain higher standards than this strange, grey-eyed, dark-skinned race—darker than the Spaniard—who have brought among us the mystery of their singular language, their noble gifts, and their unknown origin.

One's visit to their homes reveals the deference of the men toward their woman-kind, and the cheer and cleanliness everywhere. The houses display much decoration, for the women are expert with the needle, many regarding them as the most beautiful embroiderers of any race.

The Community Centers

But it is in their community centers that the national characteristics of the Basques are best observed.

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## NEW ZEALAND PREPARES FOR 1925 PROHIBITION CONTEST

Parliamentary Committee Recommends "Corporate Control" as a Substitute for "State Control"—Dry's Call Proposal a Retrograde Step

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Nov. 8 (Special Correspondence) — During the present session of the New Zealand House of Representatives, now drawing to a close, two parliamentary reports dealing with the licensing question have been presented to members. Both display a distinct leaning toward the interests of the liquor trade.

The first deals with the licensing question generally, and the second with a proposal, which has been the subject of a petition to Parliament, to substitute "corporate control" for "state control." The former recommends that no further licenses be issued in the country, that the licensing fee be substantially increased; that license be transferable from one district to another; that in the event of "no-license" being carried at the next poll (due in December, 1925) it shall not become operative until four years later; and that in the event of "continuance" being carried there shall be no further poll for five years.

Mr. Wilford, the leader of the Liberal Opposition, and a visitor to the United States a year or so ago, recently said he was confident America was going to reap much good from its experiment, even if it did not realize all it had expected from prohibition.

Many other eyes are turned toward the States at the present time, and America in determining her own destiny in this respect may go far toward deciding the destiny of New Zealand.

### EMPLOYMENT SURVEY SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Special from Monitor Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—Statistics on the hours of employment of workers in 23 basic industries, compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board, show that in August and September the average hours of employment per week, though still below normal, was showing a strong upward trend.

In September, 1923, the average amount of time lost due to under-employment was reported as 3.4 per cent. By July, 1924, this average had risen to 9.2 per cent. In August and September, however, the average dropped to 6.4 per cent. The number of workers covered in the survey is about 790,000.

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# Musical Events—Art Theaters—Photoplays

## Music News and Reviews

### Mr. Stock Presents a New Pianist; the Chicago Opera

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—What was regarded 20 years ago as the most modern expression of French art was represented in the programs of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Dec. 6, in the overture to Charlier's "La violette" and the second symphony by D'Indy. So far as its art is concerned, the overture has been unable to hold up in the race of progress. Clearly it is of yesterday, but its music is often full of charm, was worth the revival which Mr. Stock gave to it.

D'Indy's symphony is still the chief example of its kind in modern France. Its creator is often diffuse, often eager to write without the flame of inspiration wherewith to guide his pen, but his symphony was formed in the mold in which masterworks are set. Beauty and great skill are enshrined in it and there are not many symphonies in which the qualities of both are sustained throughout the work in this. It must be said, too, that the playing, full of feeling and imagination, was worthy of the piece.

The remaining symphonic work on the program was the suite drawn from "L'Oiseau de Feu" by Stravinsky. The loveliness of this music evoked a mild regret that when the Russian composer saw the great light of ultra-modernity he cast his gift for melody into the shadows of the past.

The soloist of the concert was Joseph Brinkman, a young pianist who had conducted at the American Conservatory of Music, had been the successful contestant in a competition whose prize was an appearance at one of the concerts of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Brinkman, who played Liszt's flashy Hungarian Fantasy, disclosed a marked talent and such maturity of style and technical completeness as not always has been heard from performers at the concerts directed by Mr. Stock—performers whose engagements have been warranted by

Four works were offered by the Chicago Civic Opera Company, for the first time this season. "La Traviata," given Dec. 2, was admirably interpreted with Claude Muzio, Tito Schipa, and Joseph Schwarz in the cast. Violetta's music generally has been held to be the exclusive property of bravura artists but Miss Muzio proved that a soprano of her type could accomplish admirable things with and, into the bargain, offer a moving and convincing characterization of the part.

"Carmen," given the following evening, brought forward Miss Greville in a situation in which she has often appeared before and in which her theatrical shrewdness and artistic intelligence give much that is stimulating to the eye and ear.

Florence Macbeth made her first appearance this season as the Princess Eudoxia in Halévy's "Le Juive" (Dec. 4). She and her colleagues, Rosa Raisa, and Charles Marshal, put life into the rôle which is somewhat faded and the worse for wear.

Fedor Chaliapin was heard for the first time in Gottsch's "Faust" (Dec. 5) in which his dominant personality and his remarkable artistry redeemed a performance that was more often peculiar than fine.

J. D.

### Wellesz Novelty Heard at Composers' Guild Concert

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Egon Wellesz's "Aurora," for voice with chamber-music ensemble, was brought out at the concert of the International Composers' Guild to-night. Miss Ursula Greville, soprano, singing. The work, given in a program of present-day compositions, disclosed undeniably marks of originality and really seemed to herald something new in vocal writing.

"Aurora" is without words, and as things in the vocal form intended for anything but studio practice should be, it is brief. Because of its brevity, it succeeds in putting the hearer in a single, definite and unequivocal mood. It may, in fact, be described as a brilliant achievement in modern impressionism.

Miss Greville distinguished herself as singularly original and especially beautiful, although there are many very fine places in it. Its chief fault is the lack of thematic originality. It is highly reminiscent of Wagner in many places, the beginning of the slow movement being almost a brother to the prelude to the first act of "Lohengrin" and the weaving motion immediately thereafter being at least a first cousin to the "Wald-wehen" in "Siegfried."

The French horns are used to excess in the solo work but the scoring is excellent in tone color and the general use of the resources of the modern orchestra. The finest of the work is the Presto in the middle of the slow movement. This is exceedingly beautiful and very effective as both melody and harmonization.

The other orchestral number was "Nuages" and "Fêtes," two of the three "Nocturnes" of Debussy. Both were finely played, especially "Fêtes," where the color of the orchestration was superb and the little march in the middle of the movement was exactly right in tempo—it is frequently played too slowly.

Mr. Wellesz, who is director of music at Bryn Mawr College, showed himself a magnificent pianist. Everyone has long since given up trying to find anything humorous in Richard Strauss' "Burleske" for piano and orchestra, but Mr. Alwyne is a whimsically which was charming.

His sense of rhythm is excellent, his temperament is vital but firmly controlled, his tone is exceedingly beautiful, his technique ample for all practical concert purposes and his interpretation showed balance between the emotional content of the works and an intellectual reading. The performance of the exacting "Burleske" was the finest that has been given in Philadelphia for a good many years.

His second number was the "Symphonic Variations of Oscar French"—composition in many respects requiring radically different qualities from the "Burleske," but Mr. Alwyne met these demands fully and gave another superb exhibition of playing and interpretation. One point the two have in common and that is the close relation of the solo instrument to the orchestra; in many places it is more like chamber music playing than like solo and accompaniment, and this intimate playing

Metropolitan Opera House this afternoon. She proved to possess vocal gifts of somewhat slender yet not uninteresting sort.

Alessandro Bondi, tenor, gave a concert this afternoon at the Manhattan Opera House with Charles Davis, violin, assisting. In the aria, "paradiso," from "L'Affrancata," he recalled to his hearers the traditions that reside in the music of Meyerbeer and won their applause for his efforts.

W. P. T.

### Another Novelty for Minneapolis

*Special from Monitor Bureau*

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 6 (Special Correspondence)—There was a rather general complaint a year ago that Henri Verbrugghen, conductor of the local orchestra, was not keeping pace with modern progress by including more up-to-date compositions on his programs; this season he has sought to remedy this defect, if defect it were, for each successive symphony concert has brought to our ears at least one work that was a novelty in Minneapolis.

For the fifth concert of the series we had two "Symphonic Fragments" from Ravel's "Ballets 'D'Orsay et Chôdô." It is 12 years since this music was heard for the first time, we must be that far behind the times, with our sensibilities far better attuned to ancient than to modern idiom; but the Ravel music was received with acclamation by many, and it must be sadly admitted, with bewilderment and stony silence by many others.

The first of these fragments consisted of a Nocturne, Interlude and War-Like Dance; the second was divided into Daylight, Pantomime and General Dance. Whether one ought to be grateful for the program provided for the education of this public is questionable; it would always seem as though the best way to enjoy it is to permit oneself to be carried away on its acknowledged rhythmic strength and brilliance, and to revel in its harmonies and polyphonic complexities, without troubling with the subject matter.

The second part is altogether too long. Garrulity seems to be a befitting size of some of these writers, as though they were carried along in a creative frenzy that possessed an inexhaustible source. At the same time one would not willingly have a single phrase of the section descriptive of daylight omitted. This has a majesty of movement and fullness of expressive emotion that immediately grips the imagination.

Mozart's E flat symphony, B & H No. 59 (Koechel 542) was played with precision and great delicacy, especially the Andante. Two Wagner excerpts: "Forest Murmurs," from "Siegfried" and the "Ride of the Valkyries" proved two things: the first that the string section of the orchestra is excellent; the second that the brasses are just the reverse.

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"Aurora" is without words, and as things in the vocal form intended for anything but studio practice should be, it is brief. Because of its brevity, it succeeds in putting the hearer in a single, definite and unequivocal mood. It may, in fact, be described as a brilliant achievement in modern impressionism.

Miss Greville distinguished herself as singularly original and especially beautiful, although there are many very fine places in it. Its chief fault is the lack of thematic originality. It is highly reminiscent of Wagner in many places, the beginning of the slow movement being almost a brother to the prelude to the first act of "Lohengrin" and the weaving motion immediately thereafter being at least a first cousin to the "Wald-wehen" in "Siegfried."

The French horns are used to excess in the solo work but the scoring is excellent in tone color and the general use of the resources of the modern orchestra. The finest of the work is the Presto in the middle of the slow movement. This is exceedingly beautiful and very effective as both melody and harmonization.

The other orchestral number was "Nuages" and "Fêtes," two of the three "Nocturnes" of Debussy. Both were finely played, especially "Fêtes," where the color of the orchestration was superb and the little march in the middle of the movement was exactly right in tempo—it is frequently played too slowly.

Mr. Wellesz, who is director of music at Bryn Mawr College, showed himself a magnificent pianist. Everyone has long since given up trying to find anything humorous in Richard Strauss' "Burleske" for piano and orchestra, but Mr. Alwyne is a whimsically which was charming.

His sense of rhythm is excellent, his temperament is vital but firmly controlled, his tone is exceedingly beautiful, his technique ample for all practical concert purposes and his interpretation showed balance between the emotional content of the works and an intellectual reading. The performance of the exacting "Burleske" was the finest that has been given in Philadelphia for a good many years.

His second number was the "Symphonic Variations of Oscar French"—composition in many respects requiring radically different qualities from the "Burleske," but Mr. Alwyne met these demands fully and gave another superb exhibition of playing and interpretation. One point the two have in common and that is the close relation of the solo instrument to the orchestra; in many places it is more like chamber music playing than like solo and accompaniment, and this intimate playing

was one of the strongest points of Mr. Alwyne's performance. Mention should also be made of the splendid work of Oscar Schwar (using four drums) in the important tympani part of the "Burleske."

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# BOOK REVIEWS AND LITERARY NEWS

## A Celebrity Paints His Peers

*Contemporary Personalities*, by the Earl of Birkenhead. London: Cassell. \$2.12.

THESE are probably no more difficult task than that of writing contemporary portraits. Characters must be read through such a haze, sometimes of idolatry, sometimes of hatred, and in such a distorted relation to the events of their time, that true judgment is almost impossible. This must be doubly true where the writer is a contemporary celebrity himself, and is practically debarred, by the necessity of continued personal intercourse with his victims, from indulging in vigorous criticism. So, though Lord Birkenhead has long been regarded as one of the "enfants terribles" of British politics, it did not seem possible that he could write much that was worth while.

This estimate has been falsified by his book. Most of Lord Birkenhead's literary portraits are well worth reading. He has given an accurate estimate of the real qualities of his heroes. He is invariably appreciative of the good in them, if he skates rather too lightly over their limitations and mistakes to make his sketch good biography. He writes with a rare and Olympian distinction, and he makes up for an absence of criticism with a wealth of sardonic humor and mordant comment.

As is perhaps natural, the best portraits are those of his most noted contemporaries. He is obviously very interested in the elusive personality of Mr. Lloyd George, who he says is "incomparably the greatest living English statesman." He describes his compassionate sympathy "with the poor," "the eerie intuition, subtle divination, with which you will—which enables him with singular clarity of vision to peer into the minds of men and multitudes," his coolness and his moral courage. Of the latter he says that "he is never so happy, so resourceful, so dangerous as when he is in the middle of a hurricane and whirlwind."

Lord Balfour is another personality who fascinates Lord Birkenhead. He describes him as moving in early life through society "like a wonderful dream of which he, too, was a part." He admires though he does not sympathize with his interest in philosophy and abstract speculation. He describes his unexpected vigor as Irish Secretary, his dexterity in debate and party leadership, his retirement and the incomparable fund of wisdom and experience which he gave to his country when the great war brought him back to the forefront of public life. He concludes his biography by seeing an Elder Brother, so radiant, so youthful, so sophisticated, so learned!

And so Lord Birkenhead proceeds, painting word pictures of his contemporaries. Most of them are there: Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (a slight impression), Mr. Churchill, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Lord Curzon, Mr. Tim Healy, Mr. T. P. O'Connor—32 in all. There are some notable omissions—Lord Milner, Sir John Simon, Mr.

## "Follow the Flagship"

*Magellan*, by Arthur Sturges Hildebrand. New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co. \$2.75.

THERE was a good deal of material available for Mr. Hildebrand's "Magellan," with some points in dispute—for example, did or didn't Fernao de Magalhaes, to give him the authentic name by which posterity hardly knows him, have "some knowledge of the actual extent of his strait before he set out to find it?"—whereupon the author had necessarily to assume an opinion.

"When the scholars have wearied of discussion," he says, "the fact remains: this ship went around the world. I have taken very much to heart the Captain-General's order: 'Follow the flagship, and ask no questions!'"

It was a crucial moment when the Captain-General gave that order. Captain Cartegena of the San Antonio was a traitor, only awaiting opportunity to profit King of Portugal by starting this expedition. The King of Spain, Captain-General Masselan knew it: the five ships were at sea beginning the first voyage around the world. The trades winds are around the world. "The trades blew fresh, the water sparkled, the distant mountains of Africa stood up sharp and blue in the clear air. The ships made sail, all together, and the Trindidad set to course: south by west. Now this was not the course agreed upon, and Captain Cartegena—wanting, perhaps, to see how matters stood—crowded sail on the San Antonio, and drew up alongside the flagship. He hauled and asked the course. South by west. And then he asked why it had been changed. "Follow the flagship, and ask no questions," was the reply. The San Antonio dropped back again where she belonged. And when the course was changed again, no questions were asked."

Mr. Hildebrand believes in previous

knowledge of the strait, as is held in the mind of Señor Juan de Austria introducing Magellan, and the King of Spain's councillors: "Juan de Solis, coasting down South America, had found that the land trended to the westward. Vasco Núñez de Balboa had seen the ocean that lay on the other side. This planisphere, my Lords, copied in Portugal from the terrestrial globe of the great Pedro Reynell, showed a strait that led through and joined the Western Ocean to the South Sea. No man had sailed that sea, but he could do so, because the seas had been. He, Ferdinand Magellan proposed to cross it; he would go down the coast of America as de Solis had done, past 34 where de Solis had stopped, and he would find that strait, if God willed it, though he had to search as far as 75."

The important thing is that this Magellan lives his life in the printed book, that a period of history is here made astonishingly plausible and acceptable, that the reader, or at any rate this reader, is for an instant, like the King of Spain, in the cabin of the Captain-General falls beneath the spears of savages on the beach of Mactan. So far in that brave adventure of circumnavigating the globe—and then two vessels out of the fleet of five wandering among the islands, with an admiral, and one vessel at last coming home to Seville. A vivid and impressive book.

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## PROFIT TAKING CHECKS STOCK MARKET'S RISE

**Reaction Follows Another Upswing on the New York Exchange**

The main trend of stock prices continued upward during the opening day's New York market despite reactionary movements in the oil shares, most of which receded fractionally.

United States Steel was in demand, especially of all issues in unit selling, tonnage, and bidding was weak for a number of specialties. American Water Works, Postum Cereal and Central Leather preferred, reached new 1924 highs.

Activity among of domestic oil shares, which depressed Standard Oil of California and Pacific Oil a point each, had little effect on the rest of the list which maintained its tendency to advance.

Buying expanded in the copper, motor, public utility and equipment shares, sending many of these issues into new high ground. Jordan Motors jumped 24 points to a new high at 50, and the market extended its early gain to 3 points.

Other new peak prices were attained by American Telephone, Anaconda, Utah and Kennecott Coppers and Iron Products.

Reducing sales, which caused U. S. Steel and General Electric to forfeit their early gains, later promoted hesitancy in other shares.

Manhattan Moderate Guaranteed broke 3% on announcement that the January dividend rental would be deferred.

Foreign exchanges opened easy.

### Bears Make Attack

Professional attempts to unsettle the general list were renewed around the end of the first hour, heavy selling forcing a number of oilers and low-priced railroads down 2 or 3 points, and the temporary abandonment of pool operations in other stocks.

Popular industrials also lost ground. People's Gas, General Electric, Kelsey Wheel, Gulf Steel, U. S. Industrial, Carbide & Carbon, Readymix & Paper, American Express and Chicago Northwestern yielding 1% to nearly 3 points.

A steady demand for coppers which sent Kennecott above 54 for a new peak price, the market, however, demonstrated in some of the merchandising issues, notably Sears Roebuck and May Department Stores, steadied the market around noon, and brought out moderate rallies in several active issues.

Call money renewed at 3% per cent.

### Bonds Ease

Reactionary tendencies predominated in today's early bond trading, with a wide assortment of railroad and industrial issues yielding to increased selling pressure. Trading was restricted by the foreign money situation.

Exceptional losses were general throughout the rail list, with the St. Paul lines, New York Central, Ss, Iowa Central and "Katy" adjustment 5s losing ground.

Selling of sugar company bonds was influenced by the recent weakness of the raw sugar market, losses of a point or more being recorded by Cuban and Dominican, Puerto Alegre and East Cuba obligations.

San Antonio & Arkansas Pass responded to the announcement that the road had been taken over by the Southern Pacific and moved up to a 1924 high at 83. Chesapeake & Ohio convertible also was conspicuously strong, advancing 1% to 104%.

## MONEY MARKET

Current quotations follow:

Boston	New York
Call Loans	3%
Renewal rate	3%
Outstanding paper	3% 1/2
Year money	4 1/2%
Customers' com'l loans	4
Individual com'l loans	4

Last

Today previous

Bar silver in New York 68c

Bar silver in London 33d 88c

Bar gold in London 88s 8d

Mexican dollars 53c 53c

Canadian dls. (5%) par

Clearing House Figures

Boston, New York

Exchanges 47,000,000 \$105,000,000

Year ago today 43,000,000 111,000,000

Balances 31,000,000 25,000,000

Year ago today 25,000,000 29,29,750

F. R. bank credit 68,000,000

Acceptance Market

Under 30 days 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

30 to 90 days 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

60 to 90 days 3 1/2% 3 1/2%

Less than Banks 3 1/2% 3 1/2%

3 to 90 days 3 1/2% 3 1/2%

30 to 60 days 3 1/2% 3 1/2%

60 to 90 days 3 1/2% 3 1/2%

Bankers' Acceptance Banks

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Leading Central Bank Rates

The 12 federal reserve banks in the United States and banking centers in foreign countries quote the discount rate as follows:

Boston 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

New York 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Chicago 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

St. Louis 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Minneapolis 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Richmond 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Dallas 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Atlanta 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Amsterdam 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Athens 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

London 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Paris 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Warsaw 3 1/2% 2 1/2%

Foreign Exchange Rates

Current quotations of various foreign currencies are given in the following table, compared with the last previous figures:

Sterling: Current Previous Parity

England ... 4.83 4.83

Cable ... 4.83 4.83

French francs .0352 .0352

Belgian francs .0484 .0484

Swiss francs .0484 .0484

Lira ... .0425 .0425

Marks ... .2881 .2881

Holland ... .4045 .4045

Sweden ... .5885 .5885

Norway ... .5885 .5885

Denmark ... .5770 .5770

Spain ... .5885 .5885

Portugal ... .6482 .6482

Greece ... .0183 .0183

Argentina ... .0183 .0183

Brazil ... .1165 .1165

Panama ... .1830 .1830

Poland ... .1830 .1830

Jugoslavia ... .01512 .01512

Finland ... .02532 .02532

Czechoslovakia ... .00812 .00812

Romania ... .00822 .00822

Shanghai ... .76872 .7675

Tokyo ... .8 8

Hong Kong ... .56122 .5609

Bonaparte ... .56122 .5609

Yokohama ... .3848 .3852

Paris ... .8804 .8804

Uruguay ... .1123 .1123

Chile ... .421 .421

Peru ... .48852 .48852

\*per thousand.

## IRON AND STEEL

YOUNGSTOWN, Dec. 10.—Because of heavy iron demands from their steel district, steel makers with their own blast furnaces have been buying iron from the merchant iron market. This benefits the position of strictly merchant interests.

**GOLD FROM FRANCE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Consignments of \$3,000,000 in gold have been received from France.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Quotations to 1:30 p. m.)

Last Dec. 10 Dec. 9 Sales

100 Abitibi ... 62 1/2 62 1/2

1600 Ady-Ru ... 18 1/2 18 1/2

1800 Alr. Indus ... 18 1/2 18 1/2

4800 Ajax Rub. ... 14 1/2 14 1/2

1400 Allied Ch. ... 18 1/2 18 1/2

100 Am. Adv. Ind. ... 18 1/2 18 1/2

200 Am. Ch. ... 14 1/2 14 1/2

100 Am. Cr. pf ... 41 1/2 41 1/2

2200 Am. Ind. S. ... 42 1/2 42 1/2

10300 Am. Ind. Bosch ... 100 100

100 Am. Brake ... 50 50

2030 Am. Can. ... 149 1/2 147 1/2

300 Am. Car. ... 24 24

500 Am. Ch. ... 24 24

300 Am. Ch. ... 37 37

500 Am. Ch. ... 37 37

100 Am. Ch. ... 18 1/2 18 1/2

## WOOL VALUES ARE FIRMLY MAINTAINED

Both Foreign and Domestic Markets Continue on Steady Basis

Although there has been increasing resistance to the continued advance in the price of wool, partly through the withdrawal of some of the buyers, the market has been very firm and maintained everywhere during the last week, and occasionally are a bit dearer.

Not a few are of the opinion that prices are likely to go still further, notwithstanding the action of a large New York manufacturing clothier recently that there is a supply of wool in the world equal to 24 years requirements.

This assertion, admittedly, is not based on any statistics but rather upon an assumption by the clothier that since the cutters up have had two poor years, in which he opined that there was a net gain of a half year's supply, it follows that in all that was a two year's supply therefore there must now be a supply equal to 2½ years' needs.

The looseness of this reasoning, it is conceded, need hardly be mentioned. Neither is it necessary to note that a clothier is capable of positive proof, since there are no comprehensive and accurate statistics to furnish the proof.

### Ultimate Consumer a Factor

Of course, it is patent, also, that the supply of raw material is not the only basis for forming a judgment of this kind. The ultimate consumer of the manufactured and partially manufactured cloth, as well as of the wholesale and retail clothing business, must be taken into consideration, too.

The clothier, and principally one must consider the ultimate consumer, for his ability and disposition to buy are of prime consideration. It is evident, from previous experience that a buyers' strike may easily upset the market.

It is evident, however, that the wool merchants of this country, as well as those of Europe and Japan, are counting on the probability of prosperity among the masses, predicated upon the great business expansion and almost a general acceptance of the Dawes plan in Europe and the elections both here and in England.

And, furthermore, they are basing their activities upon the belief that the market is generally entertained among both manufacturers and dealers, and which is supported very fully by whatever dependable statistics are available, that there is a real shortage of wool in the world.

Upon this judgment, moreover, a large amount of money has been risked.

The foreign markets are all continuing on a very steady basis. Cable is at hand from the sales in Australia indicating a specially strong market, prevailing both in Sydney and Melbourne, with prices ruling dear in the former market, where the better qualities are obtainable.

### Competition Keen

Competition in Sydney is very keen, even though the selection at times is not particularly choice. England and Japan have a specially free hand in that market during the present week, and Germany is also buying, while America likewise is taking some.

Choice 44-70s combing wool, practically free in Sydney was bought this week at \$24.4d., for wool estimated to shrink about 46 per cent, or about \$1.76 clean basis, Boston in bond, or approximately \$1.00, clean basis, duty paid. Shabby topmills 44-70s, costing about \$1.60, and 64s topmills were costing about \$1.55, clean basis, less, while 64s and 60-64s topmills were costing about \$1.50, exchange being at \$4.70.

In the Auckland market (New Zealand), last Friday, Yorkshire was the principal operator, the selection being more especially suited to the needs of the Bradford topmakers, while prices were maintained on steady basis.

British wools are offered about on the following basis for good packings: Half-bloods (58-69) 72 cents; 38d. for wool estimated to shrink about 45 per cent, or approximately \$1.60, clean basis, Boston. Topmills, including wool of the same quality, were costing about 5 cents a pound, clean basis, less, while 64s and 60-64s topmills were costing about \$1.50, exchange being at \$4.70.

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In the west, the 1925 clip is being steadily acquired by the eastern dealers and prices for the week show some further advance. It is estimated that 20,000,000 pounds or about 20 per cent of the 1925 clip (not including pulled wools) have been placed under contract up to the present time.

The contracting movement is proceeding very rapidly in the west during the present week. In fact there has been a distinct tendency to buy domestic wools during the last 48 hours, more or less all through the west, at even slightly higher rates. Some 20 cents a pound has been paid in Utah, and 10 cents a pound has been paid in both states. Wool has been taken in eastern Oregon at 43 to 45 cents, 40 cents having been paid in New Mexico. In the case of the mixed clips bulk medium qualities have sold at 47 cents, and the Shoshone pool is understood to be under option at 50 cents.

The local market, it is understood, on the part of manufacturers, to buy more or less steadily, as good wools are offered, and some fairly heavy weights of wool have been sold by way of new clip contractors and Australian wools in transit, costing 64-70s.

Australian combing, costing about \$1.50-\$1.60, clean basis, laid down in bond, while top-making wools of the same quality are costing about \$1.58-\$1.60, or slightly under replacement values.

## NEW YORK BOND MARKET

(Quotations to 1:30 p.m.)

	High	Low	NY Ont & W rfg 4s '22	High	Low
Ajax Rubber 8s '36.....	954	96	NY Ry rfg 4s '22.....	675	671
Am Ind Chem 7s '26 '41.....	854	855	NY Ry rfg 4s '22.....	445	445
Am Smelting 6s '47.....	77	77	NY State Ry con 4s '22.....	62	61
Am Sugar Refining 8s '37.....	854	855	NY Steam Corp 6s '47.....	884	884
Am Sug Ref 8s.....	104	104	NY Tele gen 4s '39.....	104	104
Am T & T deb 5s '43.....	104	104	NY Tel rfg 6s '41.....	1064	1084
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## EDITORIALS

It is inevitable now, and has been from the first, that the question of the war debts between the nations of Europe and the United States should finally be the subject of a general adjustment.

The debts from Europe to the United States are so inextricably interwoven with the debts owed by

European nations to each other—and all spring from the war in which these nations made common cause—that none can be equitably settled without due reference to the others. When Mr. Stanley Baldwin arranged for the funding and gradual payment of the British debt to the United States he made a gesture which for the moment expressed both British independence and respect for British credit.

He made no demand that British payments to the United States should be made contingent upon the payment by any power of its debt to Great Britain. He asked no assurance that the United States would not make more favorable terms with some of its other debtors. He admitted a debt and provided for its payment. It was a dignified and impressive recognition of a national obligation, but there were those among his countrymen who said that it was magnificent but it was not wise finance. There were others, not in inconspicuous station, who alleged quite frankly that the Baldwin plan of payment would never be fully completed.

Individual criticism of the plan is already giving place to rumors of political protest. The reports that the United States Government is considering generous concessions to France in the matter of her debt bring prompt suggestions that in such event Great Britain will expect a corresponding amendment of her financial agreements with the American Government. The "most favored nation" clause in the existing treaties is cited as affording reason for such a demand.

France, meanwhile, pointing to the aid that the United States through the Dawes plan has rendered to Germany, inquires significantly whether a friend and an ally should not expect at least as friendly treatment? If the United States is to exact full payment from England and France, are Belgium, Italy and the smaller states to be coerced into paying what they owe those nations? If there are to be sacrifices, shall they be demanded of Great Britain and France alone? If there is to be generous aid to sufferers, is Germany alone to be the recipient?

The questions are pertinent. To them is added the all-important one, yet to be answered by the successful operation of the Dawes plan, as to whether great sums of money can be paid to a creditor nation without affecting its trade and industry for the worse. There are academic economists, and hard-headed financiers, who insist that such payments cannot be made except to the injury of the recipient.

In view of this situation and the doubts as to how it can best be met, it is not surprising that the subject should suggest itself to the International Chamber of Commerce as one eminently fit for consideration by that body. The chamber is, of course, unofficial and non-political. But it numbers among its members many of the most notable financial figures in the world. Should it undertake a round-table discussion of European debts, its deliberations, and its findings, would compel the attention of diplomats and of governmental financiers.

The next meeting of the chamber is in Brussels in June, 1925. If the American delegation could go thither prepared with suggestions for the allocation of international debts in such a way that each nation might receive the maximum of what is due it, compatible with the capacity of its debtor to pay, a great step toward international harmony and the restoration of world-wide prosperity would be taken.

In this enormous burden of debt resting upon Europe lies the gravest potential menace to the peace of the world. The direct method of the business man of collecting his debt remorselessly will not do. Not only the debtor's capacity to pay, but his feeling as to the justice of the claim and the reasons why the debt was incurred must be given due heed. As the heaviest creditors, the United States and Great Britain should operate together to seek such a composition of all claims as will secure the greatest ultimate harmony. Bankrupting the rest of the world would do little good to the strongest capitalist nations, even if they survived chaos.

An outstanding feature of the American Farm Bureau Congress convention in Chicago seems to have been the opportunity given to acquaint the man on the farm with the related activities in governmental circles which most affect him and the industry with which he is identified.

Addresses were delivered by three practical farmers who have been advanced or graduated into important federal commissions as the representatives of the country's agricultural interests. One of these was E. H. Cunningham, member of the Federal Reserve Board. The two others were W. S. Hill, of the Shipping Board, and C. W. Hunt, of the Federal Trade Commission. All are prominent members of the Farm Bureau Federation. In fact Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Hunt were officers of the Iowa State Farm Bureau Federation, which was the organization from which the national body sprung.

These gentlemen, as was to be expected, discussed the relation of the farmer to the commissions and bureaus with which they are connected, evidently with a desire to make it plain to the actual tillers and producers that their welfare is as much the concern of the general public as of themselves. In speaking of the activities of the Federal Trade Commission, Mr. Hunt made the assertion that the commission has probably done more for the farmer and con-

cerned itself more with his problems than with those of any other industrial class. Such an assertion comes with better grace and greater conviction from a farmer-official than it would from a professional politician who has little, if any, actual knowledge of farming conditions. The man who knows the inside and outside of both related activities is in a position to make a fair and convincing appraisal.

Of course the activities of the Farm Bureau are not confined to politics or to an effort to influence the decisions or the course of official boards or commissions. It is concerned chiefly with its own efforts to produce and market the farmers' crops more profitably. It has accomplished a great work along this line. But it is an evidence of the thoroughness with which they have gone about their undertaking that the farmers have insisted upon representation on those official boards which have most to do with stabilizing their industry.

No political organization in the United States is likely to make the mistake of underestimating the strength or influence of the farmer vote in state and national elections. This has been convincingly proved. It is because of this, perhaps, that every effort heretofore made to unite the farmers in an effective third-party organization has failed. An unattached floating minority is often able to speak more eloquently and more effectively than an equal number of voters hopelessly committed to a one-idea party.

Like the steamship Mr. Kipling once wrote about when it was first launched, the Jugoslav ship of state has not yet found itself. Nikolai Pashitch, the country's old man of the sea, to quote another Eastern source, is once more back at the helm, and his return does not indicate a smooth passage

ahead. The experiment in liberalism and democracy that was started last summer with the formation of a government by the Serb Democratic leader, Mr. Davidovitch, supported by the Croatian faction, led by Stephan Raditch, has already come to an end, for as the Parliament was about to meet for the winter session, the King suddenly dismissed Mr. Davidovitch, and Mr. Pashitch took his place, bringing with him his old crew, part of which is under prosecution for embezzlement.

This return may be part of the reactionary wave which is now supposed to be swamping the world, but in reality it has a sufficient number of local causes to be only a national phenomenon. First of all the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes is very new as a political unit. In the next place, its population is extremely heterogeneous, both in traditions and in religion.

Furthermore, two systems of government clash, inside the country, federalism, based on a unity of Jugoslav sentiment amidst a diversity of traditions, and a Serb hegemony, based on strong army and a centralized form of government. Unfortunately, the Croats and Slovenes, who under the Austro-Hungarian rule attained a high degree of culture, do not admit any such superiority of the Serbs as to justify any self-assumed rulership on their part. In 1919 the Croatians proclaimed a republic at Agram and many of them still are republican in sentiment. Until last summer their seventy deputies, elected two years ago, refused to take part in the Skouptchina, or National Assembly.

Part of the reason for the return of Mr. Pashitch is the character of his leading opponent, the Croatian leader, Mr. Raditch. The son of a peasant, he is himself well educated, speaks a dozen languages, and has the charm of a popular orator. But as a practical politician he is not the equal of Mr. Pashitch, who has long borne the epithet of "The Fox of the Balkans." Last year he was accused of high treason, and with a false passport he fled first to England, where he was disappointed in not getting more active support, and then settled for a while in Vienna, where he received his Jugoslav partitions. Then he moved to Budapest and last summer he spent some time in Moscow.

With the advent of Mr. Davidovitch he would seem to have had his opportunity to work successfully toward a revision of the Constitution, so as to realize his federalist aims, but instead he returned to his speechmaking at Agram, where he was enthusiastically received, and then began to advocate a peasants' union to include all of the Danube valley, for which he had already received some of his inspiration at Moscow. His visionary proposals and lack of a practical program put the Davidovitch ministry in an awkward position and finally contributed to its fall. Personally charming and undoubtedly of an idealistic attitude of mind, Mr. Raditch appears to be doomed to remain a popular champion and nothing more.

Now his rival, a Tammany type of politician, will have an opportunity to manage the elections he advocated last summer, and experience shows that in the Balkans few elections turn out unfavorably for the governmental party.

Doleful complaints against the strict regulation of the manufacture and sale of potable compounds of diluted alcohol and various drugs are appearing in the American press with a regularity that indicates that somebody's financial interests are affected by restrictions put upon these alleged "medicines." The protests are not made so much on behalf of what are regarded as legitimate pharmaceutical preparations, in which alcohol is used as a solvent, or vehicle for maintaining a mixture of various drugs, but rather from what are termed "proprietary medicines," sold under a trade-mark, and represented as possessing marvelous healing powers. While, following the campaign of exposure of these alcoholic "medicines" conducted by Collier's and the Ladies Home Journal, the consumption of this kind of stuff has greatly declined, there is still enough of it sold to make the trade in it profitable, and, naturally, its makers are opposed to interference with their

industry, and deeply sympathize with the "poor man" who finds difficulty in getting his favorite remedy.

Following the enactment of the Volstead Law, there was a sudden increase in the number of alcoholic mixtures marketed as medicines, and it has been found necessary by the prohibition enforcement officials to impose strict conditions upon manufacturers of, and dealers in, these products. It may be recalled that the Supreme Court of the United States has held that the right to suppress "illegal liquors carries with it the power to control the sale of possible substitutes for the prohibited product, and the restrictions imposed are merely such as every law-abiding manufacturer or merchant should cheerfully comply with.

Calling a mixture of alcohol, water, and a small percentage of some drug a "medicine" does not alter the essential fact that it is intended to evade the law forbidding the making or selling of intoxicating liquors, and when this is generally understood there will be less talk of depriving the poor man of his "medicine."

Calendars are useful only as they serve to remind us of days and dates set apart. The holidays and feast days indicated by them are in themselves occasions, not because their return or recurrence is arbitrarily indicated, but because those people who have come habitually to observe them learned long before to give, at such seasons, outward expression to that sweet sentiment which then, somewhat more than at other times, is pervasive and silently eloquent. Human love is best expressed in giving. By that means are sentiments spoken which otherwise could not be communicated. By it the child first manifests affection and trust. It is the first language learned and the last to be forgotten.

But this universal language is not dependent for expression upon mere tokens. It is by these, indeed, that it is most crudely expressed. Some of us, perhaps, never learn more than the rudiments. Thus it may be that unless we are able to bear gifts in testimony of our affection or esteem we ignorantly or thoughtlessly refrain from giving. If we give generously, no matter what the form of expression, we must give from the heart. We must give in trust and confidence and in pure affection. What material thing, say you, will appropriately express these sentiments? Tokens, at most, are only for remembrance. Unless their bestowal is prompted by something more than a desire to excel in giving, their mission will fail, and the impulse will bless neither the giver nor the recipient.

Is it not true that the season for giving never begins and never ends? Surely no one would claim that with the close of the holiday season we should look within our breasts and refuse to give expression to the finer generous impulses. Just as reasonably we should refrain from the belief that Christmas Day marks the climax of giving. Rather should we decide that the high mark reached upon that occasion will remain as a standard for daily giving throughout the year. Surely we can give as much in kindness, in consideration, in unselfish sharing, in the bestowing of good gifts, on one day as on another. Millions of people have learned that they have been made richer by giving, and that giving in the right spirit makes no one the poorer. On what day, then, shall we cease to give?

But this Christmas Day may well be celebrated as the beginning, the birth of a realization that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The occasion is fixed as the day commemorating the dawn of this new gospel in the hearts of men and women and boys and girls everywhere. The first clarion message, "On earth peace, good will toward men!" was not the annunciation of a bestowal of material blessings. It proclaimed a new era of brotherhood, of forbearance, of understanding. It fixed no measure in giving except that which teaches us to share our blessings. These multiply as we count them, and thus the more we give the more we have.

## Editorial Notes

When the "courts-leet" were held in the three manors of Southwark, owned by the Corporation of London, not long since, an annual custom was observed which dates back many centuries. Juries were duly sworn in each manor, under the titles of "The King's," "The Guildable," and "The Great Liberty," and a series of addresses was delivered by Sir Ernest Wild, the Recorder, who presided as High Steward of Southwark. In the course of these, Sir Ernest made a statement which is worth close study. "There is no finer form of trial than the rough-and-ready system of putting twelve men and women into the jury box," he declared, adding, "they seldom go wrong, at any rate in criminal matters. They arrive at right results in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred." From this standpoint his conclusion is especially important: "The attempt being made to deprive people of trial by jury should be very carefully watched."

"Money which in the old days passed over the bar is now spent for neutrodynes and heterodynes, while fathers and sons work together building homemade radio sets." From this standpoint the officials at WEEL, Edison Light, Boston, Mass., have made out quite a case in favor of radio and against the saloon. "Instead of leaving his money at the corner bar," their statement recently issued continues, "the wage earner now comes proudly home with a 4-tube receiver fully equipped, and the family listen in on campaign speeches, election results, jazz bands." And what a wonderful transformation that represents! After all, prohibition has no real need of propaganda and such like, for its results constitute its own most successful publicity agent.

## The Problem of International Debts

## A Black Tulip and a Little Mouse

Madrid, Nov. 25.

Don Jaime—that is not his real name—is a writer of the second rank. He lives at the top of a quiet house. Only children going the long way round from school, and man with a tin whistle who sells carpets, bring the quiet of the street where Don Jaime lives. It is a Norman street now, uphill and cold in the shadow gray and gold and satisfying in the sun. From the window of Don Jaime's room you see the changing and falling of the leaves, the poplars, the chestnuts, the planes with wild gape of sky in their branches.

I climbed up the long stairs and rang at Don Jaime's door. As I went into his room a dog jumped up and barked. Don Jaime was sitting at his ponderous black table. His feet were on a large copper brasero. In his hand was a long quill. Around him on the table and the floor were sheets of manuscript. I apologized for disturbing him.

He said he was writing a novel, that in spite of all his efforts to the contrary the heroine had just arrived safely in Avila by coach, that her hero could not be prevented from meeting her within the next half hour, and everything would end happily ever after a hundred pages before it ought, and what was a poor author to do about it?

Up got Don Jaime and began to eat an apple. He says there are only two methods of getting inspiration when one is stuck for an idea. One is to eat an apple and the other is to knit. Don Jaime says his total yearly lack of inspiration keeps him provided with winter socks.

Don Jaime is a beautiful young man in a beautiful setting. He works in a room of studious disorder. He has collected antique cabinets and a genial array of old Spanish pottery. He warms the moody red damask and black and white of his room with the fire of copper vessels and with the sun through the windows. He has picked up bits of embroidery—wild splashes of color sometimes; sometimes pale, delicate work, crinkled and dry like an autumn leaf.

He has collected old books everywhere from Tarragona, Salamanca, Zamora, and from all the dry, bright towns of Spain. Old pictures, old furniture, old china, old books—he works in a generous higgledy-piggledy of awkward antiquity. And if he had a white beard and a dry, yellow skin, and a mathematical eye, and a gray gown, he might be mistaken for an alchemist.

But no. Don Jaime is slim. His hair is black and fits his head like a wig. His brow is white and calm. His features have the care of sculpture. One fears he will move and disarrange his eyes. He has a cool, firm chin. His slender toes swell like a leaf. He wears black. He is rare and quiet; the black tulip, I have sometimes thought. Then I think of woolen socks and the vision goes.

Don Jaime leads me, aesthetically, to think by the armchair in which in one of his favorite chairs. He puts my hat and stick on the armrest and carved cabinet. I find my retreat cut off by two Talavera jugs. I see myself convex, and with the expanding waistcoat of an alderman, golden and wealthy, reflected in a copper bowl. Don Jaime stands in the sun and talks brilliantly, endlessly about a multitude of things I cannot remember now. I forget the black tulip when he talks.

When I read his novels, like Gobbo, I find the "flend" is at my elbow, and I think of woolen socks! He doesn't knit when he is talking. When I have escaped from his copper bowl and regained my usual figure, and have stolen away from the Talavera jugs, and am advancing victoriously to the door, the gilded tentacles of an elaborate, ramifying mirror are waiting for me. I hesitate. Don Jaime seizes the opportunity of telling me the elemental needs of a novelist. Says Don Jaime:

"To write one must have white walls and as much sun and sky in the room as possible. The sky inspires, the sun matures, the walls finish."

On the landing of the top floor of the quiet house of Don Jaime, as I go down the stairs, stands a black tulip. Five minutes ago I was talking to one of the greatest writers of Spain. This is not a boast. It is a confession. Consider, and a little self-righteousness—in Spain there is no time, there is only waiting—I arrived punctually at his house. He was not in. I decided to call again. During a miserable quarter of an hour the mist of confidence and self-righteousness thinned and drifted away.

I began to see the visit as it really was. I saw the narrow streets and the fierce shops with their cheap hardware and finery. I heard two beggars playing a guitar. I heard the pelting taxi horns, the crash of lorries, the hurrying trams, the shouting of carters, and all the din and pandemonium of the dark streets of old Madrid. Peasants were arriving by diligence from the country. A woman was sitting on the curb shouting roast chestnuts and almonds in a resounding, iron Madrileño voice. I thought of steam bellow.

A big shop was holding a sale, and its windows were packed with shirts and buttons, and its shelves of cheap, blatant, necessary things. For the lowest prices in the world a furniture man would sell to you or hire to you articles from the furniture of a château to a bazaar table. A garish, strident, merciless corner of Madrid, I thought, writers in Spain.

I went into his flat, into the chill hall. A common stand waited for my hat. A thin hotel carpet led me into a small room with no window. The walls were covered by an inhospitable bookcase, fitted exactly with polished and labeled books, gleaming coldly in the frugal light of weak electricity. The carpet had followed me into the room. I think it must have been bought at the shop of the man who sells things at the lowest prices in the world. There was an empty desk and a comic calendar on it. There was a pair of chilly black boots smiling by the radiator. At least a little hope I thought.

Suddenly one of the greatest authors in Spain was talking to me. He was rubbing his hands and sitting on a high chair, his little legs curled round the bars. He was blinking and blushing and smiling, and he looked away from me at the comic calendar. I said I was most honored to be able to talk with him. He said yes. A long silence. I could hear his cuff link rattling. We both waited for inspiration. How I envied Don Jaime's apples and knitting.

I said his time being so valuable... The great writer said yes, and smiled and kept looking at his calendar.

He said his latest book had been so enjoyed and... He said yes, thank you. Of course. And he sat down from his chair, ran like a mouse up some steps and brought down his latest book. Certainly, he said, and gave it to me autographed!

I felt like a bandit, like an unpleasant, fifth-form bully. I was so big. I was growing bigger and bigger. He was so small. He wriggled in his chair. I thanked him and tried again to begin to explain my business. Sir I said I was wanting... He said yes. He would get it for me. He would get it for himself. He knew the man. He would go himself for it. His sentences were like little stabs. I began to feel dreadfully uncomfortable. I seemed to swell with unworthiness. I must have had the vulgar smile of the celebrity hunter. I remembered suddenly my convex, alderman-like reflection in Don Jaime's copper bowl.

As I crept away down the stairs, like a big black cat with its tail between its legs, I saw on the landing of the flat of one of the greatest writers in Spain—a little mouse.

V. S. F.

## The World's Great Capitals: The Week in London

London, Dec. 10.

The Singapore project came up in the House of Commons yesterday. Sir Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, explained that while the Government is committed to proceed with this scheme, it has not yet taken any decision regarding the rate at which it can be carried out, or as to how its cost will be apportioned with the Dominions.

The great task of rebuilding the Bank of England is under way. The architect of the new edifice is Mr. Herbert Baker, one of whose earliest works was the building of Groote Schuur for Cecil Rhodes, outside Cape Town. A considerable amount of discussion has taken place as to how much, if any, of the old building should be incorporated in the new. The Bank of England is generally regarded as the greatest achievement of Sir John Soane, and lovers of London's old buildings were naturally anxious to retain as much of his work as possible. The directors of the bank only wanted more room for their staff, which has vastly increased since Soane's day. It was finally decided, in erecting the new building, to assimilate as much of the old work as possible, and so the whole of Soane's external wall and a large number of the halls, courts, and rooms will be saved.

Views on the usefulness of women in the public walks of life are changing rapidly. The London bar has now between thirty-five and forty women members, of whom twelve are in actual practice. When Lord Leigh recently addressed the Society for Promoting the Employment of Women he told them that he had just had to assist in appointing two women magistrates and had received an almost drastic letter from the Lord Chancellor, because he thought enough women had not been appointed. Miss Monica Cobb, a practicing barrister, at the same meeting told of the uncertainty of witness, and how they should address her: "Sometimes," said Miss Cobb, "I am addressed as 'Miss,' and I have been called 'My Lady' while the other day a kind motherly old lady solved the difficulty by saying 'my dear.' Miss Cobb thought that the present generation could learn the traditions of the profession and pave the way for the next generation to make good in practice.